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Two Speakers Added For Evangelistic Conference Program

By D. A. McCall

Rev. Carlos Paredes, Austin, Texas, President of the Texas Mexican Baptist Convention, has a thrilling testimony about the work there. You will want to hear him Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning at the Evangelistic Conference, Hattiesburg, February 25-28.

Rev. Willis Ray, Arizona, is to bring us the spiritual romance of our growing work in the great west. He will speak at 4:20 on Thursday and Friday at the Evangelistic Conference, Hattiesburg.

You will certainly want to hear these two speakers along with the other features of these great days.

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BAPTISTS GET CALL TO OPPOSE CONSCRIPTION

WASHINGTON, D. C., —(RNS)—Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, has urged Baptists of the nation to emphasize their opposition to universal military training legislation in letters to Congressmen.

His appeal, carried in the latest issue of Reports From the Capital, which he edits monthly as a report on his work, points out to Baptists that the following four points “should be emphasized” in letters to Congress:

“1 —We have had enough of compulsion by the government. We want less rather than more compulsion and we certainly don't want compulsory military training in peacetime. Since when did instruction in democratic government devolve upon the Army and Navy? What are the schools for? And the homes? And the Churches?”

—The United Nations is considering world-wide disarmament and since Russia has asked for disarmament within three months, any attempt to pass peacetime conscription in this country would undermine our chances of getting world disarmament and would sabotage the United Nations.

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Philadelphia Pastor Stresses Importance Of The Visitation Revival

By Walter L. Johnson, Ph.D.
Philadelphia, Miss.

The simultaneous Visitation Revival in the churches of our state during February, March, and April can be utilized to bring hundreds to the Savior and great blessings to our people.

Many churches throughout the state have already decided to participate in this revival. The purpose of the present article is to urge other churches to utilize the opportunity and to help the congregations already participating

undersand more fully the large possibilities before them.

It will be recalled from the announcement concerning the Visitation Revival, Secretary, Dr. D. A. McCall, that the months of February, March, and April have been set apart for definite tasks:

In the month of February a census is to be taken and the returns tabulated.

During March the workers are to be trained through study courses, etc.,

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DR. ZENO WALL

Dr. Zeno Wall, Mississippian, and pastor of First Baptist Church, Shelby, North Carolina, will speak at the morning and evening sessions of the Evangelistic Conference in Hattiesburg, February 25-28.



DR. W. A. CRISWELL

Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, will speak at the morning sessions and also on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of the Evangelistic Conference in Hattiesburg.

Miss. College Enlargement Campaign Makes Progress

SEVERAL \$1,000 GIFTS RECEIVED—ENROLLMENT NOW 1,042

Enthusiastic reports from Mississippi College in the continued support of the Enlargement Program now under way are reflected in a statement from President D. M. Nelson's office showing gifts for December and January.

South Carolina Churches Fight To Retain Divorce Ban

COLUMBIA, S. C., —(RNS)— The South Carolina Federated Forces for Temperance and Law Enforcement adopted a manifesto here calling for a local option liquor law, continuation of a state constitutional ban on commercial Sunday movies.

Religious groups throughout the state have recently adopted resolutions opposing removal of the 52-year-old constitutional ban on divorce. A bill to lift the ban is pending in the legislature.

Last year a similar resolution received unanimous committee approval but failed by a few votes of obtaining the necessary two-thirds majority of the House membership. It was never voted on by the Senate.

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The Washington Review

By LARSTON D. FARRAR

Religious News Service Correspondent

RESTRICTIONS STILL IN FORCE ON CHURCH BUILDING

By Larston D. Farrar

Religious News Service Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Representatives of national religious organizations here are being deluged with letters from church officials who have been confused by conflicting newspaper stories arising out of the President's recent announcement “decontrolling” building restrictions.

The truth is that there are still many restrictions connected with any major building job. It is equally true that all these restrictions likely will be lifted by June 30, but meantime the controls that are in effect must be obeyed.

The Rev. Clyde W. Taylor, representative of the National Association of Evangelicals, has sent his regional offices a message urging any church that has been denied a building permit from the Civilian Production Administration to appeal the decision.

“If it is denied for the second time, then the case automatically is referred to the authorities in Washington for review, and in many instances, if it is a borderline case, approval is given,” Mr. Taylor pointed out.

“The appeal should be accompanied by a letter from the particular organization, giving vital statistics such as growth, increase in membership and

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ary. The record reveals large and small donations from churches and individuals sent through the Baptist Headquarters and forwarded to Mississippi College. Several gifts of \$1,000 each were noted, and numbers of \$500 and \$300 amounts are included along with many other smaller sums, all of which totalled approximately.

Concerning the building program, Dr. Nelson stated that due to greatly increased building costs the money on hand is running low and much more is and will be needed to complete the buildings now under construction.

Four buildings are now underway. They are two dormitories for girls, the administration and class room building and auditorium.

The present enrolment is 1042 with many on the waiting list hoping for a place to stay.

According to the college offices the following were listed with the amounts given during December and January:

Harperville, \$2.00; Robert W. Bell, Clinton, \$4.00; O. R. Johnson, Clinton, \$1000.00; J. W. Lee Estate, Batesville, \$1000.00; Charles W. Mortimer, New York, \$1000.00; D. L. Simmons, Jackson, \$25.00; O. A. Wells, Jackson, \$25.00; Mr. and Mrs. P. I. Lipsey, Jr., Clinton, \$100.00; O. W. Baldwin, Jackson, \$250.00; Mississippi School Supply, Jackson, \$500.00; Young's Cash Store, Collins, \$200.00; J. R. Hitt, Clinton, \$15.00; Judge and Mrs. V. D. Rowe, Winona, \$500.00; Merrill, Lynch Pierce, Fenner & Beane, Jackson, \$75.00; Mrs. Lou Nesta O'Collier, Pelehatchie, \$200.00; G. F. Barnes, Clinton, \$25.00; James T. Morris, Jackson, \$25.00; Cowan Insurance Agency, \$500.00; J. J. Pittman, Tylertown, \$1000.00; L. H. Fulcher, Jackson, \$50.00; Joseph Barras, Jackson, \$50.00; Sam M. Saul, Jackson, \$50.00.

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Dr. W. A. Bell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., will be one of the inspirational speakers at the Mississippi Sunday School Convention in the First Baptist Church of McComb, March 11-12.

Dr. Bell is one of our leading Mississippi pastors and a great preacher. Many will want to hear him at the Convention.

The Baptist Record Every Family Plan Helps Reach The Unenlisted

MISS. COLLEGE ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN MAKES PROGRESS

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(Jackson Stone Co.), \$50.00; Stokes Mfg. Co., Jackson, \$150.00; Leland Speed, Jackson, \$1000.00; H. L. Cockerham, Gunnison, \$150.00; Clinton Baptist Church, \$192.40; Tupelo First, \$200.00; Fernwood, \$8.09; Water Valley, \$25.00; Monticello, \$25.00; Flora, \$300.00; New Albany, \$5.00; Union Church, \$25.00; Bunkley, \$24.75; Jackson First, \$300.00; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cochran, Waynesboro, \$500.00; Hernando, (W. D. Gooch), \$15.00; Louisville First by Rev. W. L. Day (R. T. Parker), \$10.00; Winona First (Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III), \$41.67; McComb First, \$2.50; Laurel West \$15.00; Jackson Calvary (F. L. Jones, Pascagoula), \$25.00; Neshoba, \$15.25; Magee, \$420.59; Brookhaven, 761.10; Meridian Highland, \$300.00; Vaiden, \$25.00; West, \$25.00; Laurel First, 1000.00; Center Hill WMS, (Mrs. I. W. Rye, R No. 2 Hamilton), \$2.00; Merigold, \$90.00; Goodman, \$25.00; Hattiesburg 38th Ave., \$4.25; Philadelphia First, \$41.67; Jackson Northside, \$25.00; Jackson First by J. H. Wells, \$500.00; Jackson First, \$2850.00; Tangipahoa, \$25.30; Meridian Highland, \$200.00; Harpersville, \$2.00.

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tions.

"3—Now is the time for economy in government. Military expenditures should be reduced—not increased. Compulsory military training of a million boys each year in addition to a regular military establishment is too much. One-third of the national budget already goes to the military establishment.

"4—Compulsory military training will increase immorality and disease if present and past records of the Army mean anything. Are military men the best qualified persons to teach our boys how to care for God's temple, the body?"

PHILADELPHIA PASTOR STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF THE VISITATION REVIVAL

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and all the church members are to be enlisted in the whole work and worship life of the congregation.

April is the harvest month, when the church members go out to witness for the Savior and win the lost to Him.

Visitation is to be utilized during the whole period of three months in order to attain these definite assignments.

A Great Means For Carrying Out Christ's Program

It will be readily recognized that the tasks for the different months are important. Surely there is need of the tabulated information which only a good census can provide. Our goal should be to enlist all the members of our congregation in the whole work and worship of Christ's church. The Visitation Revival offers a great opportunity for our people to witness for Christ.

In February

In the January 9 issue of THE BAPTIST RECORD the writer had an article on "The Importance of a Good Church Census in the Visitation Revival". It would be well to study this article carefully, for it is based on the experience of many. I, myself, have seen great blessings come from a good church census.

May I insist that every congregation take a thorough census immediately, tabulate the information in attractive and usable form, and then utilize this information in reaching

the multitudes for Christ. The cards for this census can be secured free at present from Dr. McCall's office.

In March

Let us during the month of March enroll a large group of our people in training courses. This training may be obtained through the study of various texts in the Sunday school and Training Union study course series, or by using other books which have been suggested in THE BAPTIST RECORD. Capable and consecrated teachers should be enlisted. The training might include demonstration work, the teaching of how to win the lost to the Savior, and how to enlist the saved in the worship and service of Christ's church.

With the information from the census about our unenlisted and unaffiliated church members, let us, under the direction of the pastor, go out during the month of March to enlist the unenlisted of our resident members, and the unaffiliated Baptists living in our midst. Assignment cards for this visitation may also be secured free now from State Baptist Headquarters. These cards should be used, and definite reports made to the director in charge. The same procedure should be followed in visiting for evangelism.

The Sunday school and Training Union are admirably organized for the carrying out of such a visitation program, but, other groups, such as the W.M.U., the Brotherhood, and the deacons, may be used in this task.

It is highly important that these organizations be utilized, for the Visitation Revival should not be considered as something which will be over in three months' time. But the enlistment desired is such that those enlisted should continue to serve in these organizations through the years.

In April

With information about the lost from the February census, and the training of workers and the enlistment of the saved during March, we shall then be ready in the month of April to go out with a large number in a great effort to win the lost.

This visitation for evangelism is to be carried on by our own church members without a visiting preacher. Any congregation which can send out a fine group to witness for the Savior will surely accomplish great things. Here again the Sunday school, Training Union, W.M.U., deacons, and Brotherhood ought to be utilized. The visitation should have much preparation in prayer and in planning. It should be pursued upon the basis of spiritual power under the direction of the Holy Spirit, with its aim the eternal salvation in Christ of the multitudes who are now lost.

A Word of Exhortation

Brother pastor, deacon, Sunday school teacher, Training Union worker, or other servant of our Lord, won't you please get this matter of the Visitation Revival on your heart? It offers to Mississippi Baptists one of the greatest opportunities which they have ever faced. If carried out correctly it has large possibilities for the salvation of the lost and the growth of the saved in Christ-like character.

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the number of people in the specific area which are dependent on the church, etc."

Although much more building—by churches and all other types of organizations—is permitted under the now-existing regulations, the total dollar

More Workers Chile's Need

By R. Paul Caudell, Memphis, Tenn.

(Editor's note: We present below the third in a series of reports made by Dr. Caudell after his recent tour of South America.)

"Our greatest need is for more men and women who are willing to give their lives to Chile. We need money, but we need men more than anything else!"

Such is the cry that continues to ring in the ear of the journeying missionary as he takes his leave from the beautiful Valle de Chile where Baptists have only one full time Christian worker for each 100,000 inhabitants.

Chile is a land of contrasts. On one hand is the blazing desert; on the other the cool antarctic forest. The Conquistadores found little interest in the soil, yet Chile contains some of the richest mineral deposits in the world... precious nitrates, copper, coal.

In the extreme north, there is rarely a need for an umbrella or raincoat, for in places, we are told, it does not rain for 40 or 50 years. In Santiago, however, umbrellas would be welcome for three or more months of the year.

Sundown At Santiago

For nearly 12 hours we had lived above the clouds with only an occasional descent for fuel and relaxation. All day long we had gazed at the sun, the blue waters of the Pacific, white nebulous clouds, and the shoeless feet of the mighty Andes cooling in the waters of the ocean. But the scene that greeted my eyes as I stepped from the plane at Santiago one minute before sundown was indescribable. The sun lay on the brow of the snow-capped Andes like a halo of many precious jewels. For a moment I stood with uncovered head, oblivious to friends who stood with cheering words of welcome at the airport, drinking in the beautiful scene that was to hover over me throughout my stay in Chile, and go with me throughout the rest of my days.

Twice I spoke to the students of our seminary in Santiago, once on stewardship and once on evangelism, and I have never faced a more inquiring group of young people—a group more eager to learn and grow in the knowledge of Christ as Saviour and Lord. Thrice I spoke in the churches, and invariably I went away with a rejoicing heart, glad that God had given me the privilege of fellowship with a people who are seriously concerned with the role that all of us are to play as followers of Him in the new world order.

Appalling Needs

On every hand, however, I sensed appalling needs. They were the first value of all "non-essential" construction to be allowed in the entire nation is no more than \$15,000,000. This means that the contemplated church-building boom will not start for a while yet.

Any person or organization may contract for construction work under \$1,000, without a special permit. However, if used material can be obtained for a church building, or addition, then there are no restrictions, for the government's purpose is to conserve only on new materials that might be used in non-residential construction.

The best advice that religious representatives can give impatient church boards is to wait, if possible. If the new construction is urgent, then the churches should appeal to Washington—where, incidentally, the representatives may be of assistance.

things that met me when I entered Chile, and the last things I saw as I left. I did not see a single Baptist church building that is adequate to the desperate needs of the hour.

Consider the First Church, Santiago, where the scholarly, zealous Espinoza is pastor. As I entered the building on the evening of my first visit I heard the quiet strains of an organ melody, I thought. And an organ it was, for there, seated at a little old organ such as we used in our street services here in the states, was the musician, a man of evident culture and refinement, playing as best he could on the instrument that was at his disposal. Among other needs there came the cry, "Send us organs—just the old fashioned reed organs, such as we had in our parlors in the long ago—we need 30 or 40 of them."

As a result, I have succeeded in locating some fifteen or more which I hope to start on their journey to Chile before the coming of spring.

Southern Baptists have work in three cities in Chile: Antofagasta, Santiago and Temuco. Miss Lois Hart was at the time the only missionary in Antofagasta, though Mr. and Mrs. Bryant were to go as soon as possible. In Santiago we found Mr. and Mrs. McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Parker who are now in the states on furlough, and Misses Georgia Mae Ogburn, Ethel Singleton and Oleta Snell. We did not get to Temuco, much to our regret, but received glowing accounts of the work there through Brother Cecil Moore (who was in Santiago during my stay) and other missionaries. Along with Mr. and Mrs. Moore in Temuco were Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Maer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchell and Misses Agnes Graham, Cornelia Neely Brower, Anne Laester, Marjorie Spence, Rubye House, Rebecca Eddinger and Roberta Ryan.

Largest Evangelical Group

These 23 missionaries minister to about 5,000,000 people in Chile. Of this number there are some 5,000 Baptists in 49 churches. The work which began in 1917 has become the largest evangelical group with which missionaries are associated in Chile with the exception of the Pentecostal group which claims to have a following of some 25,000, and which, I was told, is no longer related to foreign mission groups.

We have a Grammar and High School in Temuco directed by Miss Agnes Graham with an enrollment of some 400 students. Our Seminary and Training School are located in Santiago with a much smaller enrollment.

The Foreign Mission Board spent about \$90,000.00 in Chile in 1945, but there abound on every hand needs that are still unmet. In Temuco there is crying need for scholarships for poor Baptist children. These cost \$175 a year. Funds are needed for equipping a National Baptist Assembly ground for Chile. A car is needed at Antofagasta. Third Church Santiago needs a new building desperately. Santiago needs scholarships for poor children who would attend our Baptist school there.

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In the fifteen days' revival in San Diego, California, sponsored by more than fifty churches, there were 1236 professions of faith, 305 reconsecrations, 18 transfers of membership, and 76 surrenders for full time service. These were dealt with personally, prayerfully, individually in the inquiry rooms. The meeting really stirred the great city of San Diego.—HYMAN J. APPELMAN, Evangelist.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

"For The Kingdom is the Lord's: and He is the Governor Among the Nations," Psalm 22:28.

I

It is strange how the language of God and the language of men differ. In complimenting a person, we talk of his vision, courtesy, business acumen, we brag in such terms.

Here is the language of God. Galatians 5:22-26. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."

We need not be surprised at the differences in the language of God and the language of men for God declares, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9)

II

Some objectives before us as a people at this time are:

1. Soul-winning. It is an all time task for every Christian, church, and the denomination.

The Evangelistic Visitation Campaign will supplement greatly in soul winning. Plan to take a census NOW! Find out who and where the unsaved and unenlisted are!

Do something about it!

2. Co-operative Program. Have you or your church done anything EXTRA in helping us for Christ's sake go after ONE MILLION dollars through this channel alone in 1947. This money for Christ will work about us and to the ends of the earth. Don't be indifferent, selfish, stubborn, petulant in spirit! Don't sulk!

Do something about it.

3. Tithing. Have you pledged tithes and offerings to Jesus for His work? Has your church put on a tithers' campaign?

Write us for tithing cards, census cards, assignment cards, canvass cards, tracts, posters, etc.

Other things we may do also!

III

Churches using Rev. J. B. Parker, Institutional Visitation worker, as pulpit supply should remember that no provision is made in his budget for travel expense. Therefore, expense incident to his transportation should be cared for.

It is expected that Rev. B. H. Benton, Evangelistic and Stewardship worker, will receive an offering for his revival services. Except for a limited number each year, such honorariums are turned into the work and the churches are credited.

In our experience, we have found the churches generous in the matter of revival offerings. We have heard of an occasional church trying to ride the denomination and the denominational workers in this regard, but we are sure their number is very limited, else we would have occasionally run upon some of them.

IV

Senator W. N. Taylor, president of the Orphanage Board of Trustees, came before the Executive Committee making a very fine statement from his board. He stated that the Orphanage was in good condition, and that for this year they were satisfied with their Co-operative Program allocation. This is another manifestation of great heartedness on the part of one of our institutions. The affairs of the Orphanage have been splendidly managed, and they have over \$400,000 building reserve.

Rev. Gaines Hightower, Hattiesburg, is one of the finest and most deserving spirits in our midst. We would like to see his full time claimed as an Association Missionary or in some similar capacity.

We have just heard with regret that Dr. W. H. Knight, Executive Secretary in Louisiana, has been confined to the hospital and ordered to take a two months' rest. We believe the majority of our brethren in the real spirit of Christ appreciate the tremendous responsibilities resting upon the denominational worker. It is only occasionally that some brother thinking himself the most important person in the world deliberately adds to the weight of burden already carried by the denominational worker. We wish for Dr. Knight rapid and early recovery.

One of the most refreshing fellowships coming to us in recent years has been experienced in coming to know Pastor Phil Walker, Mars Hill, Amite County. We recently enjoyed the refreshment and fellowship of his home and spoke to a fine prayer meeting that evening. This is an old and historic church.

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, New Orleans, and Dr. James W. Merritt, Executive Secretary, Georgia Baptists, Atlanta, were lavish in their praise of our Baptist Building. We were happy that they were pleased. They are outstanding leaders and we appreciate their friendship.

Miss Kathleen Mallory, Judge John Wm. McCall, and others have lavished their praise upon Mississippi Baptists in acquiring the Baptist Building properties. Among the many other features, the office arrangement, the prayer room, and the small staff dining room catch their eyes. Everyone also comments upon the splendid location! Well, we are all happy! Doxology!

We are again indebted to Mr. John D. Davis, Greenville, prominent layman, successful business man, and splendid Convention Board president. He has helped us again in the work. This time we have a brand new Mercury automobile—the first since November, 1941. We thank him and his fine firm—England Motor Company, Greenville.

V

We think many of you will be interested in the questionnaire given below.

It is being used by Brother E. Y. Soileau in gathering materials for his treatise for his degree at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He states that after making copies of this questionnaire that he added another item on the ethics of the successor. The very interesting paper follows:

1. Should a minister take the initiative in securing a pastorate? Yes _____ No _____ Comment: _____
2. If so, what procedure should he follow? a. Seek recommendation from denominational leaders? Yes _____ No _____ b. Contact the resigning pastor? Yes _____ No _____ c. Write a letter to pulpit committee? Yes _____ No _____ Comment: _____
3. Should the minister be a man's man? Yes _____ No _____
4. Should the minister attend W. M. S. regularly? Yes _____ No _____
5. Should he appear at programs for children? Yes _____ No _____
6. Should he take the initiative in promoting special children's programs before the church? Yes _____ No _____ Comment: _____
7. Should the pastor go to young people's meetings frequently? Yes _____ No _____ Comment: _____
8. Should he take the initiative in promoting special young people's projects, such as recreation, etc? Yes _____ No _____ Comment: _____
9. If a minister is pastor of a leading church in the Association, should he seek to take a prominent position in the Association? Yes _____ No _____ Comment: _____
10. Should a minister accept a revival in a church with a view of becoming pastor later on? Yes _____ No _____
11. Should a minister lend an ear to complaint against the present pastor? Yes _____ No _____ Comment: _____
12. If the Love Offering given specifically for the visiting minister, in a revival, is more than the local pastor expected, does he, the pastor and deacons, have the right to allocate a part of it to worthy causes, as: a. Building fund; b. Deficit in church budget? Yes _____ No _____ Comment: _____
13. Should a minister return for funeral or marriages to a former pastorate? Yes _____ No _____ Comment: _____
14. Should a minister conduct funerals or perform marriage ceremonies in a neighboring pastorate? Yes _____ No _____ Comment: _____
15. Should a minister take an active part in a local political campaign? Yes _____ No _____ Comment: _____
16. Should the minister take an active part in the civic club or clubs or organizations? Yes _____ No _____ Comment: _____

VI

Distinctive Beliefs of This Church

1. The Bible is the all-sufficient authority for faith and practice. Baptists believe in no creed, that is a written creed, except the New Testament and that which is revealed in the New Testament or the Old Testament.

2. Faith in God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit—in His death, His resurrection, His promised return—is the only means by which a soul can be saved.

3. Baptists believe that a New Testament Church is of divine origin; its membership is made up of converted and baptised persons; its ordinances are baptism and the Lord's Supper which are symbolic; its members are equal in rank and privileges; its obligations are voluntarily assumed; its policy is that each congregation is local and independent; it is free from state control.

4. Baptists recognize the competency and right of each soul to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience as the truth may lead him.

5. Baptists believe in the absolute freedom of each individual and the responsibility of each human soul before God, with no bishop, priest, or man-made creed standing between.

6. Baptists believe that a soul which has been converted, born of the Holy Spirit and sealed, will never be lost, but will persevere until the end, because its nature and its security are bound up in the promises of God.

7. Baptists believe that only two ordinances are Scriptural. Ordinances are symbols of great religious facts both historical and experimental. The Ordinance of Baptism is a monument erected to the greatest victory ever achieved; Jesus was raised from the grave, and gives assurance thereby that all who believe in Him shall be raised up. Baptism is also a symbol of a great heart experience. The Lord's Supper is both a memorial and a symbol. It is observed in remembrance of Jesus, His life, His death, His love, His work, His words; it shows forth His death and resurrection until He comes again.

—The Builder, Greenville

Booneville Gains During Past Year

Pastor and Mrs. L. G. Sansing have just observed their first anniversary at the Booneville First Baptist church, with an encouraging record indicating that this progressive congregation and pastor are working toward greater things.

Sixty-four new members have come into the church, 20 of these being by baptism. Booneville, while working at the home tasks, has taken its place among the leading churches of the state, also, and appears on the list of

100 leading churches as shown in the Baptist Record. It led the association in gifts to outside causes. The building fund has grown from approximately \$8,000 to around \$20,000. Great increases in Sunday school and Training Union attendance have been noted. The library has grown to 422 volumes in less than a year. Pastor and people face the future with enthusiasm and faith.

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A young soldier reports that he joined the Army for 3 reasons: "First, I wanted to defend my country. Second, I knew it would build me up physically. Third, they came and got me."

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The Cooperative Program What It Is

Mississippi Baptists have adopted a cooperative program goal of \$1,000,000 for the year 1947. This is practically double what we have been giving through the Cooperative Program. It means that many must give more, and more must give if we are to reach that high goal.

Much has been said and will be said about the Cooperative Program but we must be "Doers of the word and not hearers only". Regardless of the fine fellowship of Mississippi Baptists and the constantly enlarging circle of cooperation there are still pastors as well as Baptist men and women who know little about the Cooperative Program. In this and following issues of the Baptist Record we hope to set forth the merits of the Cooperative Program with the hope that more people will give more money through the Cooperative Program and that we may reach our goal of \$1,000,000 for the Cooperative Program in 1947.

The Cooperative Program is the BEST plan that Baptists now know for the promotion of their work. If there is a better plan, we believe we speak for every Mississippi Baptist worker when we say, "Tell us about it." Certainly the hard working pastors, the sacrificing state workers, the consecrated Christians, the Baptists of Mississippi want to do all they can with what they have to give. We have made the following challenge all over Mississippi and we repeat it, "If anyone knows of a better plan than the Cooperative Program, tell us about it for we want to do the most we can with what we have."

The Cooperative Program supports over 500 Foreign Missionaries. What other plan does so well?

The Cooperative Program supports over Home Missionaries. What other plan does so well?

The Cooperative Program sup-

ports three seminaries. What other plan does that well?

The Cooperative Program supports three colleges in Mississippi. What other plan does so well?

The Cooperative Program is helping with 54 church buildings in 1947. What other plan equals that record?

Space prevents details about the other State Mission objects supported by the Cooperative Program. Some of them are; Negro work; Indian work; B.S.U. work; The Training Union Department; The Sunday School Department; The Evangelistic Conference; Aged Ministers' Relief; Institutional Work; The W.M.U.; The Brotherhood Department; The Music Department; Associational Missions; Temperance Promotion.

What other plan does so much?

We believe in the Cooperative Program and plan to support it until a better way is found.

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Bassfield Points The Way

Readers of the Baptist Record will be interested in the recent action of the Bassfield Church as set forth in another column of this issue. We commend their example to other churches.

Realizing the value of information and education in any program attempted, this church under the leadership of Pastor Joe Hudson, secured the names of the resident families of the Colored Baptist Church and sent them (46) to the Baptist Record for a year's subscription on the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Record.

What better way to create a feeling of genuine interest in the colored people of the community? The Baptist Record will not only give information and inspiration to these new readers, but the Record will be a weekly reminder that "someone cares".

We believe many of the so-called problems between the races would melt into nothingness, if we earnestly sought to show more interest in our neighbors. In Christ we have the answer.

—BR—

We Commend A New Project

There may be nothing new under the sun, but First Church, Canton, under the direction of their pastor, Dr. J. W. Landrum, has launched a program which will not only use their buildings and equipment each day of the week, but will give a glorious opportunity of service for many not otherwise enlisted in the church program. Under the direction of a committee elected by the church The Hobby Shop has been inaugurated.

In addition to using the build-

ings and enlisting adults, the questions eternally before our young people and also before their parents, are "Where Can We Go?" and "What Can We Do?" And so, together, the church and home may help to answer those questions. Some parents will themselves be going to the Hobby Shop to direct hands with new tools, as new interests are formed and old interests stimulated. People, who may not have training for speaking in public or teaching in a class room, may have latent talents for individual instruction.

Our Master served well with His hands in the carpenter shop until time for His public ministry. Hobbies vary according to our interests. We believe this venture will be worth our watching. And as we wait for further reports of progress, let us support them with our prayers.

—BR—

One More Bar Down

For years divorce laws in the several states of our United States have become more lax as evidenced by the little time required and the "excuses" accepted for divorce proceedings.

Through Religious News Service we learn that South Carolina, the only state without a Divorce Bill (barred by its Constitution adopted in 1895), passed by a narrow margin of two in its House of Representatives, legislation which will permit a Constitutional change in 1948 and ultimately divorce laws.

It is true that parties who had gone to South Carolina to be married, could go to adjoining states to institute divorce proceedings. But with the proposed change in the Constitution, South Carolinians may stay at home and get a divorce. While the bill specifies adultery, incurable insanity, habitual drunkenness and physical cruelty as grounds for divorce, we predict that other causes will find their way into the laws.

To err is human, but rather than make it hard for people to err, by the consequences of their errors, and a lack of public approval, we have excused ourselves in many avenues of life by saying in word and action, "Well, they are going to do it anyhow, so we might as well not have too strict rules against it".

For disobedience in the home there used to be very definite punishments, but not so today. For misconduct in the school room, there was an authority to compel proper conduct, but where is that authority today? God's Book says that we must be subject to authority; for adults, our laws, and

those whom we have elected to execute the law, are authority.

Not too many years ago dancing and smoking were forbidden in boarding schools, and the punishment if caught was "shipping", but today, dance halls and smoking parlors are provided. Without touching on the "drink question" we could cite other instances in which restraint is almost nil.

For severing relations formed from sacred vows taken at the altar of marriage, the courts require less and less red tape. Divorce is no longer considered the disgrace it was a few years ago. How many families have one or more divorces in them and we have accepted them as a matter of course?

But God's laws have not been repealed! His bars are not down. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap".

—BR—

Object, Please?

One Sunday morning a preacher's wife remarked, casually, "What is the object of your sermon this morning?" The minister gave her his subject for the day. "Yes, I know," she said, "It has been on the bulletin board for some days. But what is the OBJECT of your sermon?" The sudden thought upset the preacher. "For," he thought, "after all, what IS the object?"

We are reminded of the furor raised by a public speaker who suggested that there should be no preaching for a period of months. He argued that there was much preaching that was not necessary.

Think it over, minister friends. What is the object of the sermons preached on Sunday? As we listen, also, what is the object of our listening? Do we seek soul food, or do we listen to check on the grammatical errors of the preacher?

It might help us all if we would ponder, "What is the object of the sermon?"

—BR—

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—
Editor.

Lessons From A Tragedy

There have been quite a number of airplane tragedies of late. The number killed reaches a high figure. Each person represented a life with its own significance. Because of her outstanding reputation and because she began her outstanding career as a member of the First Baptist church of Jellicoe, Tennessee, Grace Moore, the soprano who was killed in the Copenhagen Airliner crash, has our special interest. Her early ambition was to become a missionary, preferably to the Orient, and one of her most treasured possessions was a certificate attesting to her merits as a Sunday school teacher.

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LESSONS FROM A TRAGEDY (Continued from Page Four)

Goldenhaired, blue-eyed, and vivacious, Miss Moore possessed a bell-like voice that won her the highest praise at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

The fact of her death draws an astonishing statement from Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen that he had completed religious instruction of Miss Moore some time ago and was to have inducted her into the Catholic Church upon her return to this country. This announcement by the Roman Church's best known proselyter in this country creates in us the suspicion that outstanding public people are now the chief concern of the Roman Church, which is following a policy of cultivation and personal interest with a view to their enrollment as Catholics. The public statements made by Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce and other outstanding converts support this conclusion. Really, it is quite reasonable. The Roman Catholics are to be complimented on their efficiency in dealing with the spiritual needs of neglected people. Probably no group is more ignored by Christian churches than outstanding men and women in public entertainment, politics, commerce, and culture.

The sin of local churches is their failure to follow their people after they become detached from them because of life's promotions and the developments of fame and place. The Roman Catholic Church might be given a little competition in its efforts to proselyte Protestants who are where and what they are spiritually because their own people have forgotten that they exist. It is said that there are two hundred thousand Southern Baptists in New York City without any church affiliation.

Later reports proved Grace Moore a member of Riverside church, New York City, where Dr. Fosdick conducted a memorial service for her. A report from Copenhagen said that a requiem mass was said for her in the Roman Catholic cathedral there. How debasing is this determined zeal to proselyte. We believe Grace Moore died as she had lived, a simple believer in Jesus as her Saviour, and a Baptist—The Watchman Examiner.

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Lena Church Plans Wisely

Lena Baptist Church in Leake County is an Every Family church on the Baptist Record mailing list. It is a progressive church with a progressive pastor. Rev. A. A. Ward is the pastor and evidence of his leadership is noted in a well planned prospectus which recently came our way. A seven page, mimeographed general calendar for 1947 divides the work of the church into the 12 months of the year with a specific major emphasis for each month. Each organization of the church has a major goal for the year and for each month. The calendar is well planned and projects into the life of every member of the church. Brother Ward is not only pastor of the Lena church but is serving his third term as moderator of the Leake County Baptist Association.

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FAITH IS THE VICTORY is a compilation of the Baptist Hour Messages for 1946 published by the Broadman Press. Dr. Louis D. Newton in the introduction says that the emphasis is strongly spiritual and the solution offered as the one solvent for man's depravity is the gospel of our Saviour and Lord. The book bound in cloth sells for \$1.50 and with paper binding for .60. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

SPARKS & SPLINTERS

Pontotoc Church had set a goal of 300 in Sunday School on the first Sunday of their new pastor's ministry. The attendance was 327. There were large crowds to hear Rev. James C. Monroe at both services and there were three additions.

Grenada: There were seven additions at Grenada Church, Rev. G. E. Wiley, pastor, on February 9. Five were adults who came for baptism. Eleanor Green, secretary, says "We have been baptizing every Sunday evening for some time now".

Pastor R. A. Morris reports that nine came by letter and three for baptism in the Newton Church on February 16.

When thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words than thy words without heart. Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer. Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge to Satan.—BUNYAN.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of the Baptist Record: Rev. Earl Brooks, Weir; Dr. B. Frank Smith, Magnolia; Mrs. Earle Wright, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Sibley, Canton; Rev. Paul B. Hawkins, Jackson; Rev. Guy A. Little, Crystal Springs; Mrs. C. S. Thomas, Jackson; Mrs. E. W. Beauchamp, Meridian; Mrs. Heck Webb, Meridian; Dr. William Potter, Carthage; Rev. G. W. Smith, Pelahatchie; Mrs. Tom Tomlinson, Jackson.

Pastor A. A. Ward of the Lena Church announces that Rev. C. O. Estes of Center Terrace Church, Canton, will be the evangelist for their revival March 2-9.

An invitation from the Juniper Grove Baptist Church, Poplarville, and pastor D. Wade Smith, to attend the dedication of their church and parsonage on March 2, has been received by the Baptist Record office. The invitation contains pictures of the church, the parsonage and other buildings on the parsonage grounds. An interesting program has been arranged beginning at 10:00 in the morning, with afternoon and evening sessions. A barbecue dinner will be held at the noon hour. Music for the day will be directed by Music Secretary Luther Harrison and Rev. D. W. Nix will preach the dedicatory sermon. Senator T. G. Bilbo will present the parsonage deed to the church during the morning service.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., Feb. 15—Miss Elizabeth Tittsworth who graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1946 has been ranked third among "the most promising of contemporary American poets" by the Literary Guild of New York City. Miss Tittsworth is instructor in English at the Gogebic Junior College, Ironwood, Michigan.

Louisville: Murphy Creek Church, Winston County, will have a special service on February 27 commemorating the fifteenth anniversary of their pastor, F. H. Miller. During the pastorate of the Rev. Miller the church has grown from part time to full time services. The church has been completed with a baptistry and butane gas installed. The church membership and the Sunday School have increased greatly.—Elaine Wilson, Clerk.

The spring revival at New Zion Church, Amite County, will begin March 2 with the Rev. M. Glenn WALDRUP, pastor.

A definite, prayerful movement has been started by a California Baptist Church to send Dr. Hyman J. Appelmann, nationally known evangelist, to Russia for a year of intensive evangelistic work. The plan had its genesis in the heart of the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Compton, California, Dr. W. B. Harvey and overtures have been made to Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is understood that the idea found approval in Dr. Newton's mind and heart and that Appelmann will probably meet with Russian Baptist leaders who plan to be in this country next May for the Southern Baptist Convention. The Compton Church has already guaranteed to underwrite the proposed campaign to the extent of \$20,000 and indicates the willingness of 25 other churches in Southern California that would contribute at least \$250 per month to such a movement.

Dr. B. B. Hilbun of Florence will do the preaching and Rev. H. H. Aultman of Holly Springs will lead the singing in the revival which begins the second Sunday in March at Liberty Church, Rev. M. C. Waldrup, pastor.

The Ellisville Baptist Church set apart to the Deaconship four young men in the morning worship service February 9. The service was fraught with meaning. Those ordained were: M. P. Carter, Howard Harper, Marvin Smith, and E. W. Young. Rev. E. R. Callahan, Chaplain at the Veterans Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, brought the challenging message on the office, work, and responsibility of a deacon. The pastor gave the examination to the deacons. The ordination prayer was offered by the father of the pastor, Rev. George A. Nichols, Sr.

Four new deacons were elected on February 9 for Bruce Church and they were ordained at the mid-week prayer service. They were: W. T. Box, H. D. Young, M. S. Turner, and Hulet Spratlin. Those participating in the service were Pastor J. B. Middleton, who preached the sermon and Rev. W. M. Crocker who led in the ordination prayer. Deacons Jack Yancy, W. M. Shelton and Eric Langston joined in the laying on of hands.

Rev. J. C. Allen of Carthage was in a school of missions in Kentucky February 2-7. Accompanying the Rev. Allen was Henry Ben, who recently gave his life for missionary training. The churches near Hartford, Kentucky, participating in the school of missions were Concord, Dundee, Clear Run, West Point, Central Grove and Woodward's Valley.

Dr. I. E. Rouse, President of Woman's College, Hattiesburg, spoke at both services at Second Avenue Church, Laurel, on February 16.

The deacons of Pontotoc Church and their wives honored their new pastor, Rev. James Monroe and Mrs. Monroe, at a dinner on February 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Ray.

Dr. W. A. Criswell of Dallas, Texas, will assist Pastor Claud B. Bowen the week of March 3-9 in the revival at Calvary Church, Jackson.

A new church, not yet named, has been organized in Leake County. It is located in the Pine Tree Community on highway 16, west of Carthage. The council was composed of ministers and deacons from Newton, Good Hope and Lena Churches. Rev. A. A. Ward of Lena was moderator. The church covenant was presented and accepted

and the new church favored full co-operation with the Leake County Association, Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. The Rev. Paul McDonald of Clarke Memorial College was called as pastor, and Mrs. Clyde Thornton was elected clerk of the church. E. P. Mills came in as a deacon from Lena Church. The second Sunday was set as the time for preaching services. This new church begins its history with the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

The building fund of Calvary Church, Jackson, has reached a total of \$28,682 to date. This growing fund will help Calvary Church to meet the needs of an increasing population and a growing work in the church.

Miss Waudine Storey, an alumna of Mississippi and Clarke Colleges this state, and of the W.M.U. Training School of Louisville, Kentucky, has been added to the church staff of Philadelphia Church, Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor. Miss Storey, until recently Promotional Secretary of Lucas Avenue Church, Laurens, South Carolina, returned to Philadelphia because of the illness of her mother. Working in the afternoons and evenings, Miss Storey will serve in the field of religious education, but her chief work will be that of directing a program of visitation through the Sunday School, Training Union and the W.M.U.

First Church, New Albany, Rev. J. R. Davis, pastor, will observe Church Loyalty for the weeks from March 2 to April 6. Every church member will be asked to attend both services of the church for six Sundays. These should be great weeks in New Albany.

First Church, Laurel, reports that 370 have signed tithers cards. This is just 30 short of the proposed goal of 400 tithers.

The Book Review Editor has received the following musical books from Lorenz Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio: When Christ Arose, An Easter Choir Cantata for mixed voices, price 85c per copy; His Day of Triumph, An Easter Pageant, price 30c per copy; Easter Treasury No. 51 containing recitations, exercises, dialogs, acrostics, drills, patomines, tableaux, and decorating suggestions, all graded for primaries, juniors, intermediates and seniors; price 30c per copy; From Darkness to Light, and Easter choir cantata for mixed voices, price 85c. Orders should be sent to the publisher.

THE VALUE OF YOUTH: Suppose that Paul had been converted at seventy instead of twenty-five. There would have been no Paul in history. There was a Matthew Henry because he was converted at eleven and not seventy; a Dr. Isaac Watts because he was converted at nine and not at sixty; a Jonathan Edwards because he was converted at eight and not eighty; a Richard Baxter because he was converted at six and not at sixty.—Selected.

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Mrs. Ned Rice, Stewardship Chairman

In building an Acrostic, using the letters that spell "Co-Operative Program", we can get a picture of how we can help make our Co-operative Program a success.

"C"—The first letter in our big, meaningful word is "C" and we shall let it mean **CHRIST**. Christ is first and at the head of our Program. It all heads up in Him. The Co-Operative Program is a Plan of Work whereby we as a group can serve the Savior in a bigger, better way. When we say it is OUR plan of work, we would do well to emphasize the personal pronoun and say "our". Our Denominational Plan of Work and Christ is at the head. We must focus on Him, then the doing of these things that we shall mention will be easy. Christ in our Co-operative Program. Christ FIRST. Christ the eHad.

"O"—The "O" follows so naturally and is for **OBEDIENCE**. Obedience to Christ, our Savior, our Master, our Commander. He gives the marching orders, tis ours to follow Him. The test of our faith is Obedience. The chief aim of the Christian, his life and his service, should be—to obey Christ. Find his Will and Follow that Will. Christ makes His Will known to his followers and he expects obedience from them. "To obey is still better than sacrifice". Then the first part of our word "CO" means Christ and Obedience to Him.

"O"—If we put Christ first and seek to obey him then we have some **OBJECTIVES** before us (our third word). Working with objectives is being definite, having something to work by. A PLAN with certain AIMS to accomplish. It helps us to know where we are going and eager to be on the way. We shall present our Objectives in the second word of the Acrostic.

"P"—We love that big Capital "P" for it means in our Co-Operative Program **PARTNERSHIP**. Don't you love the thought? Webster says partnership means "the state of being associated together for a common purpose". That's it! We are Associated together for the common purpose of doing the will of Christ. Making Him known and helping to extend His Kingdom here on Earth in the hearts and lives of men. Partnership means Team Work! It is a great blessing and a wonderful privilege to share in this partnership. Laborers Together, Yes, and with God.

"E"—Now if we are good partners, if we rejoice in this partnership, if we have this Plan of Work at heart, if we believe in it, if we know it is the best way of doing the work, then we will want to **ENLIST** all our members in it. "E" for **ENLISTMENT**. We NEED every member and they need to be in it. How do this, we ask ourselves. Study the Plan, study the purpose of it, study the best way of promoting it, then adopt it unreservedly and sell it to others.

"R"—I our Cooperative Program mean **RESPONSIBILITY**. Each of us has a definite responsibility in this Plan of Work. A responsibility is a charge, a duty, an obligation. We must realize it and accept it, which brings us to our next letter.

"A"—The "A" means **ACCEPTANCE**. We must accept our Plan of Work, accept our responsibility for

promoting it and then do our very best to live up to it. As we **ACCEPT** and adopt our Cooperative Program lets cultivate that sense of feeling responsible for it **PERSONALLY** and then do something about it.

"T"—In our word could not mean anything but **TITHING**! The Cooperative Program means **TITHERS**, **TITHING** mean **PAYING** the tenth. We are talking now about money and the amount each of us handles. In many cases it isn't a big amount but it is what we are entrusted with and the responsibility is there. We know that **TITHING** is morally and spiritually right. We do not have the number of tithers among us we should have. The Goal before Southern Baptists right now is "A Million Tithers for Christ." Our Southern W.M.U. has accepted one third of this number. Our own State is responsible for 33,334 of this number. Each one present here today can help attain this Goal in two ways—by being diligent in practice and by enlisting others. Lets think it, **TALK** it, **PLAN** it, **DO** IT. One of our chief objectives this year is **TITHING**, emphasized and practiced by one and all.

"I"—I shall only mention the three remaining letters in this first word of our Acrostic

"I"—Means **INSPIRATION**. We are very certain that the carrying out of these things we've been discussing will bring that inspiration. Inspiration denotes the awakening, the quickening impulse as manifested in high achievement. We like the thought—our impulses awakened, quickened because of accomplishment. Nothing inspires more than success.

"V"—In our Cooperative word means **VISION**. We would do well to use both eyes in Vision and see what it would mean to the advancement of Christ's Kingdom here in our State to have all our members sharing and working and succeeding in this great Plan of Work. Such **VISION** would bring **ENTHUSIASM**, into our own souls and into the hearts of our Leaders.

"E"—Is for **ENTHUSIASM**. Some other words for enthusiasm are devotion, earnestness, zeal, fervor! That's what we want in our Cooperative Program.

In our second Word Program we shall only name the **SEVEN** definite **OBJECTIVES** we find in this great Plan of Work.

"P"—The first of these, which begins with "P" is **PREPARATION**. Preparation for Service. That could only mean Christian Education, for that's what Christian Education is—preparation for service, of heart as well as mind. We love our Christian Schools and should lend them our loyal support; as Dr. Truett once said "they are the seed corn of the Kingdom."

We underscore this great Cause which is incorporated in our Program.

"R"—We shall let this first "R" mean **READINESS**—Readiness on the part of each and everyone of us. Let Webster speak again "readiness means in condition to act immediately," quick, prompt, willing. We would do well to study this word and then apply it to promoting our Cooperative Program.

"O"—With our "O" we name a second Cause incorporated in our Plan of Work. "O" for **ORPHANAGES**. We love in a special way, this Objective.



REV. J. A. BARNHILL

On the first of March Rev. J. A. Barnhill will begin his fourth year doing the work of an evangelist. His labors for the past three years have carried him into several southern states. The preaching of the gospel has been accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit, gracious revivals have been witnessed and other remarkable experiences shared in. Scores and scores have confessed Christ as Saviour and declared their purpose to follow him.

Some dates scattered throughout the year are still open. All invitations are booked in the order in which they are received. His home address is 121 South Prentiss, Jackson, Miss.

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Total contributions reported from Mississippi for January by Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention were \$34,196. Ranking thirteenth in gifts there were \$16,125 through the Cooperative Program and \$18,071 designated. Total contributions from the twenty states were \$991,295.

The appeal always finds a warm response in our hearts.

"G"—"G" could not mean anything but **GIFTS**. We talked of **TITHING**, which is paying what we owe. Our Co-operative Program means **GIVING**, as well as **PAYING**. We pay the tithe, then make an offering. Love prompts generosity and liberality.

"R"—Our next letter "R" we name our third Cause—**RELIEF AND ANNUITY**. A worthy object and we are happy that it is included in our Plan of work.

"A"—We name the fourth Cause—**AID** to the **SICK**—Hospitals, Christian Hospitals, great blessings to mankind. A Christian Hospital is interested in the soul of the patient as well as the body. It provides an easy approach to the unsaved person. The Christian Doctor, the Christian Nurse, the Christian Hospital we find in our great Cooperative Program.

"M"—Our last letter means **MISSIONS**—**STATE, HOME AND FOREIGN**. Christ's Missionary Program is our Program. His message is for all people, all races, all places, all colors, all climes. "For God SO Loved the World."

We leave the Acrostic with you. Remember we begin our Cooperative Program with **CHRIST** and end it with **MISSIONS**. May we love this Plan of Work. May we live it in our Service and may we help promote it among others.

New Church Has Eleven Members

A new church, known as Haven Hill, has been started near Coffeeville, Miss. with eleven charter members. This church is in the Melton community, close to the Melton cemetery, which is more than 100 years old. The people had been desiring a church for a long time, and finally the ladies started gathering as a W.M.S. with Mrs. Eula Coulter as president, and later secured permission to have an initial meeting in a home to consider a church organization. This meeting was held October 17, 1946 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Coulter, with Rev. A. H. Childress of Coffeeville preaching the sermon. He served as moderator while the church was started. Sellers Denley and L. D. Clements, deacons from Coffeeville assisted, the former serving as clerk.

The following are charter members: Mrs. Tava Tierce, Mrs. Ruby Melton, Mrs. Vera Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Ory Porter, Betty Jo Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Coulter and Odis Jean Terrell. Rev. Childress was called as pastor. Mrs. Davis Coulter was named church clerk. A Sunday school has been started. Worship is being held in the various homes until such time as a building can be erected. Funds for this are being gathered and success seems to crown the efforts of all interested in helping in this work. The response of the people has been good, with all apparently wishing to help in furthering the work of the new church.

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PROGRAM SPRING SESSION OF LAUDERDALE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION February 28, 1947

First Baptist Church, Meridian

2:30-2:50—Song Service led by Rev.

Ray F. Dykes. Scripture and

Prayer by Rev. Leslie Ezzell

2:50-3:00—Sunday School

3:00-3:10—Baptist Training Union

3:10-3:20—Woman's Missionary Union

3:20-3:30—Brotherhood

3:30-3:50—Clarke College presented by Rev. W. E. Green

3:50-4:00—Special Music

4:00-4:30—Rev. E. L. Byrd to give his sermon on Tithing

6:00—Supper served to Messengers and out-of-town visitors

7:00-7:15—Song Service led by Mr. Vance Collum. Scripture and Prayer by Rev. Eugene Farr.

7:15-7:45—Cooperative Program

7:45-7:50—Announcements

7:50-8:00—Special Music by choir of the First Baptist Church

8:00-9:00—Message by Dr. W. A. Criswell, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

EVERY CHURCH IS URGED TO SEND A LARGE GROUP OF MESSENGERS.

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FRUITS

Rev. Merrill D. Moore, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, included the following testimony in a letter received by Brother Skilton recently:

"I feel mighty close to you fine folk there at Blue Mountain, and to the great institution. We are certainly indebted to Blue Mountain here at Immanuel for the wonderfully fine young women whom we have now in our church, and who have been with us in the past few years from Blue Mountain."



Department of Church Music

LUTHER A. HARRISON, Secretary

Teachers Of Music



MR. AND MRS. AUSTIN WILLIAMS

We are happy to announce the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Williams to Mississippi as full-time teachers of music. They are well qualified to teach Schools of Music and Piano and to lead the music in revivals. Bro. Williams will be available March 1 for engagements. He will accept about eight revivals each year and spend the rest of his time teaching Schools of Music.

Bro. Williams has had wide experience and comes to us well-prepared and states that he will be loyal to all that Mississippi Baptists promote and will give himself unreservedly to the teaching and leading of Better Music for Mississippi.

Mrs. Williams is a Columbus girl and a good pianist and an excellent teacher. She will go with Mr. Williams in all of the engagements where needed.

Until these people get a permanent address you will write them in care of The Music Department, Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi.

THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND MUSIC

Mississippi Baptists have launched the largest financial program in the history of the state. We have our minds and hearts set on this great goal.

One way to reach this worthy goal is more people giving a tithe of their incomes through the church.

If Mississippi Baptists tithe, we have no fear of a Million Dollar goal. If the goal is reached, the Music Department and all of our work will have the money necessary to meet our needs.

MUSIC EMPHASIS FOR 1947

All Training Union Ensembles should be registered with the Music Department giving the name and ad-

dress of the director.

All Hyman Players should be registered with our Department, giving the name, address, church and association.

All Brotherhood Quartets whether you want FREE books or not should be registered with us for mailing purposes.

All Woman's Missionary Union Octets should be registered with us for future mailing of programs and materials.

All Instrumental Ensembles should be registered. Send this information to the Music Department, Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi.

All books and music suggested for these groups should be ordered from the Baptist Book Store, 213 West Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

Canton Church Establishes Hobby Shop In New Youth Program

First Church, Canton, Dr. John W. Landrum, Pastor, has introduced an entirely new emphasis in a Church-sponsored Youth program. Believed to be the very first Church in the entire South to undertake such a program, a Hobby Shop has been established for the pursuit of hobbies already under way, as well as instruction and supervision of new hobbies, facilities for which have heretofore been unavailable.

Under the direction of an executive committee of three elected by the church, such hobbies as woodworking, printing, and leather work will be begun immediately, with others added from time to time, including plastics, textiles, and model-making.

Buildings Used Daily

This type of program will be carried on in the Intermediate Building six days of the week, with the building in use on Sunday for the regular Sunday School and Training Union, thus providing a seven-day-a-week program for ages ranging from Junior through Young People. Different hours for different age groups of both boys and girls will be set apart, with competent Christian leaders.

An evaluation of this new program indicates that many definite benefits

will emerge. The church is answering the Youth question, "Where can I go?" and "What can I do?" Youth will literally feel the warmth of the interest taken in them by the church, and will consequently be bound closer to the religious program. New opportunities for adult leadership are afforded. Great opportunities for invaluable personal contacts for evangelism will result. The program will also be tied in as a definite part of Sunday School, Training Union, G. A., R. A., Vacation Bible School, and Boy Scout work.

Individuals May Help

Other churches will doubtlessly see the worth of such a program and set up similar Hobby Shops. Interested individuals will find an excellent opportunity to donate power and hand tools to this new work. Any person who has such things as a jig saw, lathe, band saw, table saw, jointer, or any other power tool might desire to give it for this purpose. Needs run high for many different types of hand tools. Any of these may be given through the Hobby Shop Director, Milton Howell, or other members of the Executive Committee, J. D. Maness and W. D. Myers.

Bible Society Meeting Left Many Lasting Impressions

By Jerome O. Williams

It was my pleasure, at the request of Dr. Holcomb, to spend December 3-4 in the meeting of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society in New York City, along with representatives from some forty other denominations in America. The meeting was an inspiration. I could wish that every pastor of a Southern Baptist church could have the privilege of sitting in on a meeting of this Council. Just a few of the impressions can be mentioned here.

1. Expressions of hunger and craving for the Scriptures come from all nations. Many people lost their Bibles during the war and have not been able to get another. Millions who have none. This hunger seems to be intensive, especially in China, Japan, and where owned a Bible know of it and desire Germany.

2. I was embarrassed to find the meager support which is given the American Bible Society by Southern Baptists. We give for the regular support of the distribution of the Scriptures through the American Bible Society an average of 4-5 of one cent per member annually. Only ten other denominations in our country support the Society so meagerly.

3. It was revealed in this meeting that all English speaking people of other nations give more for the distribution of the Scriptures through the societies than do Americans. The people of New Zealand lead with others following in this order: Scotland, Canada, England, Wales, Australia, with America at the bottom. We say we love the Bible and that our country is built upon its teachings. If we believe in it, we should give it to other nations in this critical time when nations are being remade.

4. I was also impressed with the small budget with which the Society undertakes to do so large a task. It was stated that every dime that is given for the distribution of the Scrip-

Alcoholics Christian Club Formed In Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— A new organization patterned after Alcoholics Anonymous, but with a greater emphasis on the Christian religion as an antidote for continued drunkenness has been formed in Washington, with a nucleus of 20 members.

The new group is the Alcoholics Christian Club, founded by Harold G. Sirrine, 56, which meets at the Central Union Mission here.

Sirrine staggered into this mission more than two years ago as an alcoholic wreck—having lost his family, home, friends and countless jobs because of his habits. He formed the Alcoholics Christian Club last Thanksgiving after two years of sobriety, and it now meets here each week.

"We believe that alcoholics should be treated as sick people and not as criminals," Sirrine asserted. "We believe they should be sent to hospitals and health farms and given a chance to understand their illness so that they will be able to fight it."

"Any man who has been through the utter depths of hell known only to the alcoholic, as I have, knows how much constructive work in this field is needed."

He has high hopes that the present small organization will grow into a national movement. The famous 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous are followed by the new group, but Sirrine places more emphasis on submitting the chronic drunkard's will to that of God and on conversion.

Furthermore, he said, the organization wants to uphold the law and to promote Americanism "Because communism would undermine and destroy religion."

tures through the American Bible Society could be used in China alone for next year.

It is my prayer that Southern Baptists may have a larger part in this world-wide enterprise.

ISAAC, THE WELL-DIGGER

By P. I. LIPSEY, D. D.

In the twenty-sixth chapter of Genesis you will find that Isaac is spoken of as digging wells in one place after another. Of course, water is one of life's necessities, and is often spoken of in the Bible as the symbol and the support of life itself. And in a country like that in which Isaac lived wells were the chief water supply.

The Lord told Isaac that though he was in the midst of a famine he was not to go down into Egypt, Gen. 26:2, but that the Lord would take care of him where he was. He had grown rich in flocks and herds and these required a great deal of water. So, Isaac had to take to digging wells. He lived in the midst of people who hindered him in every way. And as he moved from place to place he dug wells again and again.

In one case it is said that "Isaac dugged again the wells of water which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham." That is the only way to maintain life in a world of drought and famine.

Does this remind you of the conditions and needs of our Christian life today? All through the Old Testament and the New, the spiritual life of God's people is said to be, maintained by the fountains or springs of water. Isaiah says: Thy soul shall be like a watered garden, and a spring of water whose waters fail not, 58:11. Jeremiah says the same thing, 31:12.

And when you come to the New Testament the language is more explicit if possible. Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, "the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up into eternal life," John 4:15.

And in John 7:38, Jesus says, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water." Then in Revelation 22:1 we read, "He showed me a river of water of life flowing out of the throne of God and of the Lamb."

But someone says, "That is not religion as we see it today." Quite true; and "Pity 'tis true." We are talking about evangelism, and crying out for revivals, and then counting our statistics of baptisms in dribbles. More people were converted in one day, Pentecost, than are converted in many whole states in a year's time. Does anybody believe we are fulfilling our mission?

We prime the pump with appropriations, and then we pump and pump, and put on all the pressure of which we are capable. What is the trouble with us?

We venture this suggestion: let us do what Isaac did, dig again the wells which our fathers dug. Some of these wells have been neglected. Some are filled with debris and all the ugly forms of sin and worldliness. The water will come if we will only dig, and we won't have to put in an electric pump to get it out.

Let us speak plainly. We quoted above from Isaiah about a watered garden, but we did not quote it all. Here is a verse that precedes the watered garden: "If Thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the firer, and speaking wickedly, and if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in darkness, and thine obscurity be as the noon day; and Jehovah shall guide thee continually and satisfy thy



DR. ROLAND Q. LEAVELL

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, President of New Orleans Seminary, will speak at the Friday night session of the Evangelistic Conference (February 28) in Hattiesburg, Main Street Baptist Church.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT PASTOR AVAILABLE

A Southern Seminary graduate of 1939 who has been a pastor since then is seeking Associate Pastor's work in the deep South; proposing to major in visitation thru the Extension and Cradle Roll departments; promoting daily Bible reading habit and stewardship in the new homes (especially of veterans) with the help of our new "Home Life" magazine. He is a native of Tennessee, family man, and thirty-nine (39) years old. Contact the Editor for references if interested.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST EXECUTIVES SCHEDULE FIRST WESTERN MEETING

LONG BEACH, Calif. —(RNS)— Editors and state executive secretaries of Baptist conventions in 21 states of the Southern Baptist Convention territory will meet here the week of February 10 for annual mid-winter conferences.

Floyd Looney, editor of the California Southern Baptist, announced that the state secretaries will hold a four-day session February 11-14, and the editors' meeting is scheduled for February 13-14. It will be the first time Southern Baptists have held a South-wide conference in the far west.

(Editor's note: Secretary McCall and Editor Goodrich are attending these meetings.

soul in dry places." We must quit saying peace when there is no peace, and calling evil good. We must get back to the first chapter of Isaiah which is the best prescription for a revival that we know. Or to John the Baptist who prepared the way of the Lord by enforcing repentance.

That church is rare today which does not have in it people living in adultery by reason of marriages forbidden by the scriptures. And prominent pastors are guilty of responsibility for such marriages. What were once scandals now hardly make a ripple on the surface of church life. People prominent in denominational life are common gamblers and constant drinkers. How can we expect the blessing of God?

The old wells and springs must be cleaned of their earthly sediment, their accumulation of filth; then the springs in the valleys will run, and life will spring up everywhere. "Elijah must first come."

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D. A. McCALL,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer.



Brotherhood Department

J. H. Street, Secretary

DR. T. L. HOLCOMB IS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER FOR BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION

Dr. T. Luther Holcomb, native Mississippian, executive Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will speak both in the Mississippi Baptist Pastors and Laymen's Conference and in the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Convention. He will address the Conference on Monday night, April 7 on the theme of evangelism and will bring the closing message to the Brotherhood Convention on "Making our Men a Great Missionary Force".

George W. Schroeder, associate executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, Memphis, will speak Tuesday afternoon in the Brotherhood Convention on the subject "Our Southwide Objectives for 1947".

The tentative program for the Brotherhood Convention is as follows:

Tuesday Afternoon, April 8

2:00—Opening Worship—Luther A. Harrison in charge

2:20—Special Music

2:30—The Grenada Brotherhood—J. B. Cottingham

2:50—We Went to Ridgecrest—H. L. Boyd, Raleigh

3:10—Brotherhoods in My Country Churches—Rev. A. W. Talbert, Jackson

3:25—The Christian Home a Responsibility of Our Men—Rev. J. A. Bryant, Pricedale

3:55—Election of Officers, Offering

4:00—State and District Promotional Plans—Henry Edmonds, Jackson

4:15—The Pike County Brotherhood—Rev. W. W. Tipton, Fernwood

4:30—Our Southwide Objectives for 1947—George W. Schroeder, associate secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, Memphis.

5:00—Adjourn

Tuesday Evening, April 8

7:00—Worship in Song and Prayer—Luther Harrison

7:20—A Brotherhood in a Delta City—Dr. E. D. Elliott, Greenville

7:40—We Observed Layman's Day—V. E. Crawford, Booneville

8:00—We Had a Laymen's Revival—Gayle Cooper, Canton

8:00—Special Music

8:30—Making Men a Great Missionary Force—Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee

9:00—Adjourn

WE EXTEND SYMPATHY

Mrs. Lawson H. Cooke passed to her reward on Friday afternoon, February 7. The hundreds of friends of our great Southern men's leader assure him of our deep sympathy and prayers. May the Lord uphold him on the hour of trial.

MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW

No other means of entertainment will be provided for messengers attending the Pastors and Laymen's Conference and the Brotherhood Convention than hotels. The Robert E. Lee Hotel will have only limited space, due to the fact that they are hosts to another gathering in Jackson on this date. Write any of the hotels as soon as possible.

RALEIGH LAUNCHES

BROTHERHOOD WITH

LAYMEN'S REVIVAL

Rev. Jack Cranford, pastor, and Brotherhood President-elect H. L.

Boyd, have started something new. They led the Raleigh Church to launch their Brotherhood by having a Laymen's Revival.

Echoes of Ridgecrest

Brother Boyd was in the Mississippi group who went to the Ridgecrest Brotherhood conference last summer. He and Pastor Jack Cranford had thought out plans very carefully. Then an invitation came to the state Brotherhood Secretary to come to Raleigh for a four-day Laymen's revival. The church had already committed itself to the organization of a Brotherhood and had elected Brother Boyd president. Then it was decided to start the Brotherhood in a way worthy of the great enterprise of enlisting and utilizing the manpower of a good and growing church.

Plans Well Laid

Good publicity was given the meeting well in advance. Committees were appointed and set to work. Special prayer was offered for the revival. On February 9, in the coldest kind of weather, the series of services began. The men sat on one side of the church. The ladies and younger people sat on the other side. The interest and loyalty of the women and boys and girls was heart-warming. They filled their side of the church at every service.

Fine Spirit Among the Men

The men cooperated from the start. An excellent spiritual tone already existed in the church. You might know this when they reported to the last association eighty two baptisms for the year! Also, Sunday School attendance has increased several fold since Pastor and Mrs. Cranford went to the field. Upon several occasions it has been impossible to seat the people in the auditorium at church services. But back to the men. They came in fine numbers, averaging about fifty for the four nights.

Check and Follow-Up

At the close of the services on the first night of the meeting a group checked the attendance of resident men against the church roll and a list of absentees was made. The next day every one of these men was contacted in some way. Frequently a brother was contacted by the pastor and several laymen. The response was excellent.

Complete Organization

On the last night of the services the rest of the officers needed for a Brotherhood were elected. In addition to President Boyd, the following were elected to offices: Roy Wyatt, Hulon Arender, Alonzo Tullios, and Robert Harrison. The last named was also on the trip to Ridgecrest in 1946.

Fellowship Hour

The good ladies had prepared refreshments and after the closing hour in the church, the entire congregation assembled in the community house and enjoyed a happy social hour. S. H. McDonnial, of Summerland, president of the Jones County Brotherhood, spoke briefly to the group during the social period. He and Pastor J. C. Hughes were invited guests of the occasion.

A Worthy Pattern

Surely it would be well for any church to start its Brotherhood with a Laymen's Revival. There are many advantages. The new movement is given standing and recognition before the whole church. The men are group-

PROGRAM

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

February 25-28, 1947

Main Street Baptist Church

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

John E. Barnes, Jr., Host Pastor

D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, and Director of Evangelism

Presiding

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday

Morning Sessions

Song Directors: M. E. Perry, H. H. Aultman, E. C. Edwards, A. S. Johnston

Pianist: Mrs. W. R. Roberts

9:15—Let Us Sing and Pray

9:45—D. L. Sturgis, Carlos Paredes, Phil Walker, G. O. Parker

10:10—W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Texas

11:10—Let Us Sing and Pray

11:20—Announcements

11:30—Special Music—Luther Harrison

11:45—Zeno Wall, Shelby, N. C.

12:45—Noon

Afternoon Sessions

2:15—Let Us Sing and Pray

2:30—Claud B. Bowen, F. M. Purser, R. C. Holcomb, W. D. Hudgins

3:15—Riley Munday

3:25—Let Us Sing and Pray

3:30—P. I. Lipsey—The Preacher Looks at the Book

J. T. Odle—The Preacher Looks at the Laymen

E. R. Willis—The Layman Looks at the Preacher

F. M. Purser—All Look At Christ

4:15—Let Us Sing and Pray

4:20—Carlos Paredes, Austin, Texas, President, Texas Mexican Baptist Convention; Carey Cox, Hazlehurst; Willis J. Ray, Arizona Thursday and Friday)

Evening Sessions

7:00—Let Us Sing and Pray

7:20—Special Music—Luther Harrison

7:35—Zeno Wall

8:30—Announcements

8:40—Let Us Sing and Pray

8:50—W. A. Criswell—R. Q. Leavelle (Friday Night)

9:45—Adjourn

Doxology

Holly Bluff Training Union Attains Standard

The Training Union of Holly Bluff Church, Yazoo County, has reached the Standard. It is the only Standard Training Union in the County according to Mrs. Ward Pepper, Associational Secretary-Treasurer. Congratulations to Director Palmer; Mrs. Hatchett, young people's leader and to the pastor, Rev. Don Land.

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WHY I BECAME A BAPTIST by Rev. George Russell Reynolds is a booklet of 36 pages in which Pastor Reynolds presents his reasons for becoming a Baptist. Concerning the booklet, Rev. Clarence Walker, pastor of Ashland Avenue Baptist church, Lexington, Kentucky writes, "Rev. George Russell Reynolds was converted and entered the ministry among the Methodists. In studying the Scriptures, he came to the place where he definitely gave up certain doctrines which he had been taught and had preached, and accepted others which he found to be in accord with God's Holy and Inspired Word. Without malice or prejudice toward anyone, he shows from the Scriptures the reasons why he took this all-important step." The price is 25c and orders should be sent to Rev. Clarence Walker, pastor of Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, 808 Aurora Avenue, Lexington 11, Kentucky.

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Dr. D. A. McCall will lead in a series of services Feb. 20-23 at Eden Church, Jasper County. Rev. C. J. Hughes is pastor.—Reporter.

ed and united. The work of enlisting men is begun in a very forceful and comprehensive manner. We commend this method of launching a great Brotherhood program in your church.

Parker Supplies At Crystal Springs

Rev. James B. Parker, Secretary of Hospital Visitation, supplied morning and evening services in the First Church, Crystal Springs, February 16. There were three professions of faith; Angelo Passarilli, coming from the Catholic Church; Miss Blanche Ann Wilson and Bobby Gaddy. There was 478 in Sunday School and two splendid congregations.

Crystal Springs is one of the leading churches of our State. The church regrets very much the going of their pastor, Rev. Joe T. Odle, and his family, who has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Gulfport.

On February 9, the Rev. Parker supplied the pulpit of the First Church in Pontotoc. Pontotoc is among the largest of our churches. The new pastor, Rev. James C. Monroe, moved on the field February 10th, and they are looking forward to great things under his leadership.

On February 23, the Rev. Parker will supply the pulpit of the First Church, Grenada.

If you have loved one or friends in any of the hospitals, let Brother Parker know and he will be glad to visit them.

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LOT'S WIFE AND THE SCIENCE OF PHYSICS by Dr. Harry Rimmer will interest students and will help to strengthen the faith of all honest seekers after truth. Science and archaeology shed light on the "pillar of salt", and all who find this a stumbling block should read whereof they speak. Science may enter discussions of the origin of many things, but as to the origin of sin, science has no remedy, therefore excuses it. Order from the publishers Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan or from the Baptist Book Store. The price is \$2.50.

DOROTHY PAGE

CHAPTER XI (Continued)

A Baptist On The Witness Stand

"I can respect a person who differs from me," said Dorothy, "but a person who seems to be so anxious to appear on good terms with me as to be willing to smooth over or minimize his convictions—oh, I want none of that. If we differ in our views and think the other is not keeping the Scripture requirement, then let us differ and not pretend that we are together or that our differences do not amount to anything."

"I think that their doctrine of close communion has greatly hurt the Baptists and kept from them many who would otherwise have joined them," said Mr. Garland.

"I must differ with you," said Mr. Walton. "If the Baptists abandon their position on the communion question they could not hold their position on immersion. You know that in England, where the Baptists are not gaining, many of the open communion Baptist churches also have open church membership, thus admitting people to the church who have not been immersed. Do you know why the Baptists of the South have grown so much more rapidly than the Baptists in all other parts of the world?"

"No, I do not," answered Mr. Garland.

"It is because they are strict in their views and stand loyally by their denominational convictions."

"What is another doctrine of your denomination, Mr. Walton?" asked Dorothy.

"Another doctrine is the 'independence of the local church'."

"Independent of what?" asked Dorothy.

"I mean that no pope, priest, presbytery nor bishop, nor any ecclesiastical power has any authority over any local church, but that the church in the conduct of its affairs is entirely independent."

"That sounds like pretty good democracy," said Mr. Page.

"It is democracy, pure and simple," said Mr. Walton. "The Baptist doctrine is that every individual has equal religious rights with every other individual, that all members are on a level, that the local members are capable of managing their own affairs. And, by the way, Mr. Page, did you know that Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the Declaration of Independence, got his ideas of democracy largely from a little Baptist church?"

"What is that?" asked Mr. Page, leaning forward in his chair. "You say that a Baptist church gave to Mr. Jefferson his ideas of democracy? If you will prove that, Mr. Walton, you will be giving us the liveliest bit of sensation that I have gotten hold of for many a day."

"I have the newspaper here in my pocket that proves what I say. The writer is Rev. Dr. Fishback, of Lexington, Ky., and he writes for the Christian Watchman, and he tells of a conversation he had with Elder Andrew Tribble, who was a Baptist preacher and whose church was near the residence of Thomas Jefferson, and it was this Baptist church of Mr. Tribble that gave to Mr. Jefferson his ideas of democracy."

"Do you have in that paper a letter from Mr. Tribble about it?" asked Mr. Page.

"No but I have a letter from Mr. Fishback telling of the conversation he himself had with this Mr. Tribble about the matter."

"All right, let us have it."

Mr. Walton opened the paper (The Christian Watchman, a paper that bore the marks of age) and said: "Here is Dr. Fishback's letter:

"Mr. Editor: The following circumstances, which occurred in the state of Virginia relative to Mr. Jefferson, was detailed to me by Elder Andrew Tribble about six years ago, who since died about ninety-two or ninety-three years old. The facts may interest some of your readers."

"Andrew Tribble was the parson of a small Baptist church which held monthly meetings at a short distance from the Jefferson home nine or ten years before the American revolution. Mr. Jefferson attended the meetings of the church several months in succession, and after one of them asked Elder Tribble to go home and dine with him, with which he complied. Mr. Tribble asked Mr. Jefferson how he was pleased with their church government. Mr. Jefferson replied that it had struck him with great force and had interested him much, that he considered it the only form of pure democracy that then existed in the world, and had concluded that it would be the best plan of government for the American colonies. This was several years before the Declaration of Independence."

"Well, well," exclaimed Mr. Page, "that is mighty interesting. That surely is a big tribute to the Baptists, and that does seem the natural form of government for a church."

"But does the Bible say that a church ought to be governed that way?" asked Dorothy.

"I think the Presbyterian form of government is taught in the Scriptures," said Mr. Sterling; "in other words, that a church ought to be governed by a body known as the presbytery."

"That means that a large body should be governed by a smaller body, does it not?" asked Mr. Page.

"Yes," answered Mr. Walton.

"That may be Scripture," said Mr. Page, "but I don't like it."

"I think it is wise as well as Scriptural," said Sterling. "You know that today in all great bodies it is a few leaders that do the thinking and planning and directing. Even in the Baptist church, that claims to be a democracy, I'll venture that a few men in each church hold the reins. How much better to have a body of wise men to whom all important questions shall be submitted and who shall have general oversight over and direction of the affairs of the church."

"I must differ with Mr. Sterling as to the Scriptural plan of church government," said Mr. Walton. "I think the Bible clearly teaches that each local church in the days of the apostles managed its own affairs. Where have you any record in the Bible, Mr. Sterling, of any presbytery or smaller body of men controlling the affairs of any local church?"

"I can cite you a case."

"Good," said Mr. Page. "Let us have it."

"The council at Jerusalem drew up a list of requirements that were to be binding on the churches. That looks very much like a body of men legislating for local churches."

"Of course the apostles in their day gave direction for the churches," said Mr. Walton. "They were inspired to give directions to the churches. In fact, they were the founders of the churches. Christ gave through them the rules for the churches not only of that day, but of all succeeding



REV. SAM WAGGENER

Waggener Becomes Missionary For Mississippi Association

Rev. Sam Waggener, pastor of D'Lo and formerly pastor at Centreville, will assume his duties as Associational Missionary for Mississippi Association on March first at Liberty. He and his family move into the home with the Rev. Waldrup.

According to an announcement from Rev. M. C. Waldrup, the Rev. Waggener will have charge of the mission work in the association and will devote most of his time to the development of unchurched areas.

The Baptist Churches of Amite and Wilkinson (with the exception of Gillsburg and Woodville) have set aside five per cent of their total budgets to supplement the funds from the State Mission Board to carry on this work.

The Rev. Waggener is an alumnus of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

days."

"It looks as if the apostles directed the churches, and why do you say the churches managed their own affairs?" asked Sterling.

"No, I do not think the apostles managed the churches. The apostles at the first had to give rules for the founding and starting of the churches, but even in the first days the apostles threw upon the churches the responsibilities of their own government. You remember that when an apostle was to be chosen to take the place of Judas he was not chosen by the other apostles, but by all the disciples just as if they were all, disciples and apostles, on a level when it came to voting for anything. They cast lots, and I have seen it stated that this casting of lots was simply a voting by ballot, and that is the democratic, Baptist way. You remember that Christ said that a person having a grievance against another person must, as a final step, tell it to the church, and if the offender would not hear the church then he must be as a heathen and a publican. There you see the ultimate authority was lodged in the church to deal with the offender and not in some presbytery or in some ecclesiastical council. How were the deacons elected? They were told to look out seven men of good report. This was said to the multitude of disciples, and this multitude was to look out from among them the seven men who should be appointed for the purpose. Notice it was not the apostles that picked out the men, but they made the selection the work of the people. In fact, in every church mentioned in the New Testament it

PEACE TREATIES SPECIFY FREEDOM OF WORSHIP

NEW YORK —(RNS)— Texts of the first five peace treaties drawn up by the Allies provide "freedom of worship" in Italy, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Finland and Trieste and, additionally, place a prohibition on discriminatory laws based on religious grounds in Rumania and Hungary.

Article 15 of the treaty with Italy states:

"Italy shall take all measures necessary to secure to all persons under Italian jurisdiction, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, the enjoyment of human rights and of the fundamental freedoms, including freedom of expression, of press, and publication, of religious worship, of political opinion and of public meeting."

The Italian pact also calls for freedom of worship for those who live in "territory transferred by Italy to another State under the present treaty."

The Permanent Statute of the Free Territory of Trieste calls for "the Constitution of the Free Territory to ensure to all persons, . . . the enjoyment of the fundamental freedoms. . . including freedom of religious worship. . ."

Specific prohibition against discriminatory laws on religious grounds in the treaties with Rumania and Hungary reads:

"Hungary (or Rumania) undertakes that the laws in force in Hungary shall not, either in their content or application, discriminate or entail any discrimination between persons of Hungarian nationality on the ground of their race, sex, language or religion, whether in reference to their persons property, business, professional or financial interests, status, political or civil rights or any other matter."

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BERLIN —(By Wireless to RNS)— Sponsored by the American Church in Berlin, a youthful choir entertained 3,000 people at Goethe Hall here. It was the first concert given by an American-sponsored group since the occupation and was attended by Mrs. Lucius Clay, wife of the American deputy military governor.

CHICAGO, —(RNS)— The Sisters of Mercy here announced they will establish a \$100,000 eye bank, making corneas available for transplanting on the sightless eyes of patients all over the country. The bank will be part of the new Mercy Hospital here.

is plain that there was no ecclesiastical interference in the affairs of the church. Even Paul, the founder of the churches, in his letters, throws upon the churches the responsibility of dealing with their problems. In the case of the incestuous man he said 'when your church is come together' cast out this man; that is, 'get your church together and let them act on it.'

"I think you make out a good case, Mr. Walton, and this principle of democracy is the best thing about the Baptists that I have yet heard," said Mr. Page.

"There are other interesting facts about the Baptists," said Mr. Walton, "but I find I must leave at this point. If you should care to learn more about our denomination I should be glad some time to give you further information."

"Can't you come again tomorrow night?" asked Dorothy in an eager manner.

"An engagement will prevent this, but I could come on some other night."

It was so agreed, though the Pages did not suspect the surprises that were in store for them.

(Continued next week)



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SPEAKING OF YOUTH REVIVALS

Here are some excerpts from "The Story of the Waco Youth Revival": "The program was endorsed by the pastors of the city. . . Nearly 250 people actively aided in one way or another. . . The estimated budget of expenditures was approximately \$2,000. . . The contributions of Baylor students and Waco business men amounted to \$2,400. Thus, the entire cost of the revival was met without the necessity of a single offering at any service. . . facilities for seating 4,000 people were provided. . . Music for the services was furnished by a choir of approximately 200 voices. . . A 30-piece orchestra and two pianos supplied instrumental music. . . At each service, two outstanding young people gave their personal testimonies to the saving power of Jesus. . . On their knees until two and three o'clock in the morning, the prayer groups sought the help and comfort of God. . . Scores of personal workers moved quietly in the crowd, spontaneously and unobtrusively going to their friends, walking with them to the front. . . Exactly 500 people made public decisions during the meeting. Of these, 60 were conversions, 60 were surrenders for special service (preaching, educational work, missionary work, etc.), and 380 were rededications. . . The revival was church-related in every respect. Every person coming forward was urged to fill out an information card giving his decision and his church membership or preference. This information was then passed on to the pastors concerned, and every effort was made to co-operate with the pastors in following through to see that new converts and the unenlisted began an active part in church life. Many city churches reported converts in the meeting baptized on the Sunday immediately following."

To date, four MSCW students and one Miss. College student have indicated that they want to work in Youth Revivals this summer. Will there be others? Write me if you're interested in this glorious work.

REPORTS INTERESTING

The monthly BSU reports which come to my office yield up the following bits of interesting info: From Sunflower Jr.—Harvey Carter, Devotional Vice-president of the BSU Council, was licensed to preach by the Moorhead Baptist Church. Rev. A. L. Gatewood, of Itta Bena, taught effectively the book, *Youth Makes the Choice*, during the Vocational Emphasis Week. From Jones Jr.—The weekly prayer meeting has an average attendance of 125. The BSU Council entertained the Wesley Foundation Council with a waffle supper, 63 being present. From Clarke—Student Secretary Louie Farmer reports that among the Clarke Baptist students, 90% are tithers. From Pearl River Jr.—Vocational Emphasis Week was held for the first time in the history of the college. Miss Nell Taylor, of the State WMU Department, is to help organize a YWA on Feb. 24th. An editor for a BSU paper has been elected. From Ole Miss—72 subscriptions to the *Baptist Record*.

POTPOURRI

From Dr. J. M. Dawson's Report

from the Capital: Under the Concordat made between the Pope and Mussolini in 1929, Rome Catholicism is recognized as the official religion in Italy, is given a practical control of religious education of children of Italy and receives from the Italian Government an annuity amounting to more than \$2,500,000. During the first two weeks of the Eightieth Congress 1576 bills and resolutions were introduced. One would designate the second Sunday of October as Grandmother's Day; another. . . would provide for the payment of pensions to daughters of veterans of the War of 1812. One would establish a Department of Peace. Another proposes a joint session of the two Houses during February to ask God's divine guidance in the deliberations and actions of Congress. Still another would deny admission to the U.S. of all immigrants while the number of unemployed persons within the U.S. is 100 or more. . . Earl Waldrup, Miss. College graduate, now head of Visual Education Service with the Sunday School Board, is doing a fine work in this rapidly developing field. Write him for ideas along this line. . . Dr. Frank Leavell writes that the \$500 for the purchase of a piano for the Univ. of Shanghai BSU has been acknowledged from China, and that all of the more than \$2,000 sent has been acknowledged by the Foreign Mission Board with the statement that it had been placed to the proper credit and subject to Miss Coleman's use of it for the BSU Room at the University of Shanghai. . . Maudine Thrash is the new BSU president at Hinds Jr., Joanne Connolly, at Draughtons Business, Jackson. . . Have you heard about the moron who asked the coach to flood the field so he could go in as a "sub"? . . . The National Lutheran Council has announced plans to spend \$500,000 for the creation of student centers throughout the country. . . Less than one-half of the Texas adults attend church regularly. . .

Meet At Calvary

Educational Secretaries, BSU Secretaries, and other church workers attended the recent meeting of the M.B.R.E.A. (Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association) at Calvary Church, Jackson. It was a good meeting, at least the afternoon I was there. Those on the program included Orba Lee Malone, Miss. College, and Mary Tom Berry, of Jones Jr., both of whom brought very informative and helpful messages. . . There's a Missouri story about a hound sitting in a country store ad howling as hounds howl. In comes a stranger who says to the storekeeper, "What's the matter with the dog?" "He's sitting on a cocklebur." "Why doesn't he get off?" "He'd rather holler." . . . Recently I have been reading some of the wise sayings of the great English preacher, Charles Hadden Spurgeon. Here are some: Sermons should not be so long and dull as to weary the young folk, or else mischief will come of it. Train trees when they are saplings, and young lads before the dawn comes on their chins. Begin early to teach, for children begin early to sin. Where there has been little sweat

Georgia Church Groups Denounce White Primary Bill

ATLANTA, Ga. —(RNS)— Four church and ministerial groups in Georgia have passed resolutions attacking the Harris "white primary bill" designed to prevent Negroes from voting, which is under consideration in the Senate chamber of the General Assembly.

The Executive Board of the Atlanta Council of Church Women adopted a resolution opposing "the abridgement of the rights and privileges of citizens on account of race, religion, or the place of birth."

"This Board," the resolution stated, "further deplores the efforts of the present legislature to enact legislation calculated to create race strife."

At a meeting of the Columbus, Ga.-Phenix City, Ala., Ministerial Alliance, that group declared that adoption of the proposed white primary bill would lead to "corruption and fraud," and went on record as sharply opposing the measure.

At the same time, the Macon Ministerial Association met and adopted a strongly worded resolution condemning the white primary as "un-Christian and opposed to the teachings of Christ."

Fred B. Brooks, President of the Association, said the resolution had the approval of all ministers attending the meeting.

Members of the LaGrange, Ga., Ministerial Association unanimously added their protest, stating the proposed measure is "un-Christian, unwise, undemocratic, unconstitutional and contrary to the honored and historic tradition of the church, state, and nation."

there will be little sweet. The hypocrit is all wrong, whatever rites he may practice. There are difficulties in everything except in eating pancakes. Those who feel their temper rising will be wise if they rise themselves and walk off to the pump. Many a little man has a large heart. Misers never rest till they are put to bed with a shovel. A man must have a backbone, or how is he to hold his head up? But that backbone must bend, or he will knock his brow against the beam.

FOCUS WEEK

This week is Focus Week, but since I am writing this spiel last week, I am unable to report on what is happening next week, which is really this week if you consider when you are reading this and not when I wrote it. Seriously, though, I feel certain that God's blessing will be upon us at Miss. College. Pray for all who have a part in this great week of Christian emphasis. Orba Lee Malone and the MC students have worked hard in preparation and have prayed much for the leadership of the Holy Spirit. God grant that many decisions will be made according to His will! . . . This is also American Brotherhood Week, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, all over our nation. President Truman is the honorary chairman for the Week. . . After my attending the Religious Education meeting at Calvary Church, and a fine-spirited BSU Executive Council Meeting at Miss. College, Eva Lois and I again hit the high road of peregrinating, attending Sweetheart banquets at East Central Jr., and at Jones Jr. But I shall tell you about them later. The rest of Feb. and Mar. loom up as purty full. . .



REV. S. ELMORE BYLER

BYLER GOES TO OKOLONA

Rev. S. Elmore Byler, associate pastor and choir director of the Bellevue Baptist church in Memphis, has accepted the call to become pastor at Okolona Baptist church. He was formerly pastor at New Bern, N. C.

Born in Canada, he was educated in Pennsylvania. He received his Bible training at the Lancaster School of Bible, Lancaster, Pa., and his theological training at the Eastern Baptist Seminary, Philadelphia. He has a well trained and pleasing tenor voice. During twelve years of evangelistic and pastoral work, he has preached and sung in more than 2500 churches, in thirty-eight states, Mexico and Canada.

Mrs. Byler has had four years' Bible training at Lancaster School of Bible. She takes a keen interest in all phases of church work. They have two sons, John, four, and Philip two and a half years of age. The family has arrived from Memphis and now occupy the pastor's home. The community gave the new pastor a hearty welcome, all the churches merging their evening services in his honor, while the other pastors took part in the welcoming program.

Rev. Byler succeeds Rev. George Gay who accepted a call to Ripley in November.

PREACHER AND PRAYER by E. M.

Bounds is published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan and sells for \$1.00. Author Bounds says "the pulpit of this day is weak in prayer. . . prayer with the pulpit is too often only official. . . routing". With deep conviction the author presents an analysis of prayer not only for the preacher, but for all Christians. He says "Prayer makes the man; prayer makes the preacher; prayer makes the pastor". If you desire feel need of prayer that will make for a spirit-filled life you will want this book. Order from the publishers or from the Baptist Book Store.

On the first Sunday in February the following deacons were ordained at Weir Church, Rev. Earl Brooks, pastor; A. G. Pickle, Harold Burris, Bernice Gladney and Bill Power. Deacons of the Bear Creek Church, Attala County, assisted in the ordination. The Rev. Brooks led in the examination, Deacon W. M. Black led the prayer and Deacon H. E. Morris was clerk. Other deacons participating in the service were Claudy Parrish, Ben Hill Veal and D. Landrum of Bear Creek Church, W. A. Whitten, Beulah Church, Choctaw County and O. N. Harris of Weir Church.

Son: "Pass the butter."

Mother: "Pass the butter—what?"

Son: "If you can reach it."

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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FOURTEEN WEEKS AND WHAT?

Fourteen weeks and then the next Monday we will start on our tour of District Conventions. Would you like to have the itinerary? Here it is—The figure preceeding the place represents the number of the district: 5, Ecrú, June 2; 6, Plantersville, June 3; 7, First Columbus, June 4; 8, Noxapater, June 5; 11, Hickory, June 6; 12, Beaumont, June 9; 13, 1st Hattiesburg, June 10; 14, Prentiss, June 11; 15, 1st Natchez, June 12; 10, Morton, June 16; 9, Lexington, June 17; 2, Linn, June 18; 3, Duck Hill, June 19; 4, Batesville, June 20. The meetings will begin early afternoon and run through an evening session as has been the plan for several years. The program is in the making and will soon be released.

SOMETHING FOR THE ADULTS TO DO!

What can the adults do to merit a place on the programs of our conventions has been a question often asked. Well here it is—TELL A HUMAN INTEREST STORY FROM THE MISSION FIELDS—The stories will be limited to seven minutes each. This should be promoted as is the other contests, each union selecting their best story teller, each church sending their representative to the associational elimination contest, and the association sending their best to the District Convention. The one selected at the District Conventions will be asked to be on our State Convention program. The stories can be from any mission field, preferably from our own Southern Baptist territory, and must be true stories. This part of our program will be one of the high lights. Nothing thrills like a good story, and mission stories rate among the best. Come on adults we are counting on you.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

(Note: The first reading is for Juniors, the second for all others)
Sun. Matt. 3:13-17. I Tim. 1:12-20
M. Acts 8:26-31. I Tim. 4:3-16
Tu. Acts 8:32-39. 2 Tim. 2:1-12
W. Matt. 23:18-20. Titus 3:1-8
Th. Rom. 6:3-4. I Cor. 10:9-13
F. Gal. 3:26-29. Rev. 2:1-10
S. S. Lesson, John 9:1-12, 30-33

We will run these Bible reading references each week for awhile now. We were not able to get sufficient copies of the Bible Readings leaflet to supply the demands. We rejoice in the interest shown by our churches. The leaflets for the second quarter will be ready to send out in March. Send in your request for the number you can use and we hope to be able to serve you. Let EVERY union in the state join in in the crusade to enlist 2,000,000 individuals to read with us the daily Bible readings this year. Call to the attention of the church the references in the Record.

CONTEST MATERIAL READY HAVE YOU MADE YOUR REQUEST?

Many of our leaders have requested the contest material and it has been sent to them. Let every leader make the request. We are sending it only upon request. Your interest will determine whether or not you will want it. The members of your union merit this consideration so let's give them a break!

TYLERTOWN ORGANIZES STORY HOUR DEPARTMENT AND YOUNG ADULT UNION

Thanks to Miss Madge Sterling, Educational Director of the Tylertown church for a report on the progress of their Training Union. They have recently organized a Story Hour Department with primary and beginner story hours, and have also organized a young adult union of which they are justly proud. Congratulations Tylertown, we shall be expecting some standard unions soon as you grow in efficiency as well as in numbers.

COVINGTON SCORES AGAIN

258 from 11 churches found their way to the last meeting of the Covington Associational Training Union. 4 pastors and 8 directors were present. The next meeting will be with the Collins church. The special study course season is upon them and for six weeks beginning the 3rd Sunday in February teams will go to the churches and hold the study course. The work is well organized and Mrs. C. C. Rogers, Associational Director, feels that before the year has closed every church in the association will have been reached. Thank you Mrs. Rogers for the idea, it is a good one for other associational directors to use. When the leader leads the results are assured.

A NEW CHURCH AT RENA LAURA

We are happy here to give in part an interesting letter received from Mrs. M. J. Dunn of Clarksdale: "There is a community in and around Rena Laura, about 12 miles west of Clarksdale, that has no church affiliation, so a layman, Mr. Clyde Reynolds from Clarksdale, went out and organized a church. They are now starting a fund for a new church building. At present they are having services in the community house. . . Mr. Reynolds asked me to go out and organize a Training Union. I am meeting with them every Sunday night and will until they are strong enough to go it alone. Last Sunday night we had 104 attendance at the raining Union." This is mighty fine mission work, and such could be done in many places in the state. One person who is willing to give the time necessary could start a mission and be the means of blessing many lives.

DISTRICT THREE OF HINDS-WARREN ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION MEETS

Raymond, Utica and Siwell were the three churches represented at the meeting held December 29 at Raymond Baptist Church. Brother H. A. Milner of Van Winkle Baptist Church spoke on "What B.T.U. has Meant to Me and My Church." The conference had open discussion on the Standard of Excellence and the Daily Bible Readings. Mr. W. C. Ward, Director of Group Three, appreciates the interest shown by the pastors. Rev. H. A. Milner, Rev. Owen Williams, Rev. R. A. Wallace and Rev. W. C. Graves were present at the meeting.

MRS. C. W. McGEHEE
Reporter

—BR—

On Sunday, December 29th, Evangelist Hyman J. Appelman preached in the First Church of Compton, California. Dr. W. B. Harvey, Pastor. There were fifty-six professions of faith during the day, and over sixty signified their intention to unite with the church.

Nineteen Mission Volunteers In Service At Miss. College

At the close of the services on Sunday, February 16, the first day of Religious Emphasis Week, nineteen Mississippi College students volunteered for missionary service in response to an appeal by Dr. J. W. (Bill) Marshall, Personnel Director of the Foreign Mission Board.

Other speakers who keynoted the purpose of the week, which, according to Dr. Frank Leavell, is Maximum Christianity, were Doctors Marshall, Tibbs and Leavell.

At the morning service, Dr. A. E. Tibbs of New Orleans Seminary pointed out the first idea of Maximum Christianity by explaining that the sword which Christ brought to earth is a sword of direction, separation and decision. He spoke from Matthew 10:34, "I came not to bring peace, but the sword".

As the sword of separation it is symbolical of the separation of Christian and non-Christian. It is the sword of direction by pointing out the pathway for the Christian, and the

sword of decision in helping decide for or against Christ. By using the sword of Christ, said Dr. Tibbs, one can engage in the full Christian life which Christ expects of his followers.

Dr. Marshall, at the evening hour, pointed out that the major problem confronting Christians is to find Christ's intention for the individual's life. Keeping the commandment "Go ye into all the world" is of utmost importance, according to Dr. Marshall.

Dr. Marshall noted that it is not the responsibility of the missionary alone, but also the responsibility of the average church member to take the gospel to the whole world, to lead lives to Christ and to focus his life in the way which Christ wanted. It is the responsibility of the missionary to go and of Christians to send him, and to provide means for him.

Dr. Marshall deplored the fact that last years gifts of the average Southern Baptist amounted to one-tenth of one per cent for mission work in Japan. For the entire mission cause Southern Baptists averaged sixty-seven cents.

Dr. Marshall told of the elation of the Foreign Mission Board at being able to appoint 100 missionaries at the April board meeting. At that time Dr. Marshall had in his files applications from 99 fully qualified workers. Then he told of the dejection, which followed the announcement, that because of lack of funds the board will only be able to appoint from 60 to 75 missionaries at that meeting.

Upon the response of the nineteen volunteers, Dr. Marshall inquired if Southern Baptists would be willing to do as much to send them as would be necessary for these young people to get ready to go.

The third aspect of Maximum Christianity was voiced by Dr. Leavell on Monday morning as he interpreted the passage "Be ye therefore perfect". He stated that he was disturbed that the prevailing interpretation of the verse was that it set up a goal, but that it was a goal which Christ does not expect the Christian to attain.

Dr. Leavell stated that he did not believe Christ spent his mission on earth setting forth a teaching which he did not expect to be achieved. He stated that there is no excuse for any Christian giving less than 100% honesty, faithfulness and loyalty.

"The greatest need of the world is not more Christians", said Dr. Leavell, "but better Christians". We cannot have more Christians until we have better Christians for the rest of the world to use as a model.

—BR—

Harry: "What grows up as it grows down?"

Jerry: "I give up."

Harry: "A duck!"

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

February 16, 1947

	S.S.	B.T.U.
Booneville	218	83
Jackson, Calvary	1,362	316
Jackson, Calvary including		
Stone St. Mission	1,424	366
Van Winkle, Hinds County	287	133
Jackson, Northside	281	93
Jackson, First	1,243	371
Daniel, Hinds County	242	59
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	498	310
Newton	414	200
Hattiesburg, First		177
New Albany	586	202
West Point	402	105
Jackson, Parkway	566	208
Laurel, First	629	113
Brookhaven, First	653	110
Chester	61	
Batesville	165	53
Cross Roads,		
Webster County	100	
Rocky Creek,		
George County	151	96
Lucedale	261	72
Centreville	127	31
Corinth, State Street	182	61
West Laurel	420	97
O'Tuckolefa, Yalobusha		
County	70	
Darling	41	
Houlka, Chickasaw County	85	24
Cherry Creek, Pontotoc		
County	64	
Pontotoc, First	327	
Wallerville	54	38
Byram, Hinds County	84	69
Enon, Panola County	74	74
Center, Union County	164	51
Antioch, Lawrence County	28	
East McComb	388	197
Crystal Springs	478	84
Brooklyn	93	49
Wellman, Lincoln County	53	54
Tocowa	47	47
Tupelo, Harrisburg	219	71
Chalybeate	57	38
Providence, Forrest	124	107
Hattiesburg, Main Street	790	277
Siloam, Simpson County	48	60
Picayune, First	368	167
Unity, Jackson County	91	59
Pascagoula, First	637	160
Tucker's Crossing,		
Jones County	55	21
Summit	148	98
February 9, 1947		
Centreville	113	21
Providence, Tippah County	37	
Siloam, Simpson County	77	
Olive Branch	33	38
Chester, Choctaw County	51	
Lucedale	207	59
Vicksburg, Bowmar Avenue		
West Point	348	83
Hattiesburg, First	171	

Sunday School Department

E. O. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

W. R. ROBERTS, Associate
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary



MR. MELVIN ROBERTS

Mr. Melvin Roberts, Director of Education, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., will direct the Adult department conferences at our Sunday School Convention in the First Baptist Church of McComb, March 11-12, and will also speak before the general Convention.

Mr. Roberts is one of our most capable Education Directors, and has had remarkable success in working with adults in some of the major items of efficiency. Many people of Adult departments and classes will appreciate this opportunity of his helpful counsel and wise instruction.

BEST JANUARY EVER

January of this year was the best we have ever had in Sunday school training awards. In fact, we more than doubled any previous January.

This is a mighty good sign—for as long as we promote a program of training better workers, we will be on the right road to better Sunday schools. We will never have better schools until we have better workers, and we will never have better workers until they are better trained. Therefore, better schools wait on a program of training. We are so grateful that so many leaders have seen this and are using it in a great way.

Only 14 Out

Through January 31, every association in the state had reported Sunday school training during this Sunday school year except 14, and one or two of those have reported since February 1.

The 14 associations not reporting on this item through January 31 are: Alcorn, Benton, Clay, DeSoto, Greene, Itawamba, Jasper, Kemper, Oktibbeha County, Pontotoc, Tallahatchie, Union, Walthall and Zion.

Dates have already been set in several of these for local schools or associational enlargement campaigns. With this fine start, we certainly should make it 100% for the associations this year, which ends September 30.

However, we need to get this program of training to many churches that have never had such, or that do not have it often.

PASCAGOULA FIRST SETS RECORD

The Sunday school of the First Baptist Church of Pascagoula recently set a new Sunday school attendance record. We are always delighted to know of new records in the matter of reaching people for Bible study.

We congratulate pastor L. E. Green, superintendent G. W. Hall, and ed-

ucation director C. R. Haire, on this new record.

THE FEBRUARY MEETINGS

February is the month for visiting the churches through the program of associational Sunday school work. This is to be done by teams enlisted and trained through the leadership of the associational officers.

Many associations have completed this part of their work, and have made it 100% by having a team visit each church in the association. This is helpful both for the churches visited and also for those who do the visiting.

The purpose of these church meetings is to work out together with the local Sunday school leaders plans for 1947. Much of the time is spent in going over various essential items of a good Sunday school program and then deciding definitely upon certain things that will be done this year. This gets it down to the specific items of work, which is always good. There is yet time to visit the churches. In fact, even if it is not completed in February it could be finished in March. But, let's visit them.

RIDGECREST IS ON

Yes, sir! Ridgecrest is on the way again!

The two Sunday school weeks are June 26-July 2 and July 3-9.

Reservations are being made in a hurry; so if you plan to go, you better make your reservation right away. Write Mr. Robert Guy, Ridgecrest, N. C. He is the new manager.

And please note: A registration fee of \$1.00 per person is due and payable at the time reservation is made. This fee is not to be paid for children 12 years of age and under.

Note again: Name and address of each person for whom reservation is to be made must be sent with the registration fee.

Note three: Information should be given so that each person may be placed properly as to married couples or individual men or women.

Ridgecrest will be bigger and better than ever this year because some space has been added. We hope to have a great crowd going from Mississippi for the Sunday school weeks.

Therefore, we urge all who plan to attend to make reservation soon.

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Miss Purser Announces Several Public Productions By B. M. Students

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., Feb. 8—The department of speech arts of Blue Mountain College has a full calendar of public productions for the second semester, Miss Elizabeth Purser, head of the department, stated today.

Four senior recitals are scheduled in the Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium—Martha Hollis, Derma, March 22; Mary Julia Sudduth, McAdams, April 12; Jayne Woods, Vicksburg, April 19; Peggy Harrington Griffin, New Albany, May 17.

Three one-act plays will be presented by freshman speech students and two original one-act plays by sophomore students in the creative drama class. The juniors will present scenes from Shakespeare.

Two out-of-town programs will be given, one at Grenada April 15 sponsored by the Twentieth Century Club, and one at Ripley under the auspices of the Civic League.



Hyran Barefoot Ordained In Louisiana

Hyran Barefoot, Mississippi College junior, was ordained to the full Gospel ministry by Liberty Baptist Church of Ouachita Parish, near West Monroe, La., on December 15. Mr. Barefoot was called to the pastorate of that church from his Mississippi pastorates at Dancy and Webster County.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barefoot of Mantee, he was licensed to preach by his home church in July 1945. The newly ordained minister had the distinction of graduating from Cumberland High School in 1945 and the following year preaching the baccalaureate sermon to those who were his junior school mates. Brother Barefoot graduates from Mississippi College in 1948. He plans to take his seminary training in New Orleans.

Those comprising the ordination council at Liberty church were: Rev. C. Roger Johnson, Rev. Colon Coaker, Rev. A. T. Mitchell, Rev. J. C. Houston, Rev. F. J. Seal, Rev. R. C. Ross and Rev. N. T. Smith.

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Hawaiian Baptists Ask Youth Workers

By W. H. Preston, Nashville, Tenn.

The first Youth Revival Mission to the Hawaiian Islands, was led by Baptist students during the Christmas holidays, resulting in more than 300 decisions, 124 of which were conversions and 15 definite service in this Youth Crusade for Christ.

They were invited by Rev. Victor Koon and others in the Islands and the Foreign Mission Board. The group included Jack Robinson, a star basketball player of Baylor University; Reiji Hoshizaki, a Niesi ministerial student of Southern Seminary; B. C. Baker, preacher and song leader from Southwestern Seminary; and Howard Butt, talented speaker and soloist from Baylor; W. F. Howard, Student Secretary from Texas in advance made necessary preparations. Dr. Woodson Armes, of Waco, was the pastor-leader, accompanied by one of his Christian laymen, Irving Lee Bush. Mr. William Hall Preston, Associate of the Southwide Student Department of Nashville, was sent by the Sunday School Board to participate in the revival.

The Hawaiian young people, who along with the Baptist leaders of the Islands are enthusiastic over the results, are requesting that another group of Baptist young people come to spend the summer in youth work for Christ. They would like eight or ten well-trained in Vacation Bible School work to spend seven or eight weeks in that type of work.

GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

HARDY SCORES AGAIN

Having tried the EVERY FAMILY plan in other churches of which he was pastor, Rev. W. E. Hardy, Sr., wanted the EF plan at Pearl Valley church which he serves in connection with his pastorate at Georgetown. His letter quoted in part below explains how he led Pearl Valley to adopt the Baptist Record as a part of its program.

"Well, we finally did it. At a conference of Pearl Valley church, Copeh county which I now serve with two afternoon appointments each month, it was unanimously voted to have the Baptist Record on the E.F.P."

"You will probably recall that I paid for one month and you arranged for one or two more. It has done the work, I am happy to tell you."

"I have worked at this for several months but thank the Lord, our efforts were not in vain."

Editor's note: In nine cases out of ten if the pastor wants the EVERY FAMILY plan he gets it sooner or later.

Record readers in Copeh county are now listed as follows: BETHEL 44, CARPENTER 25, COUNTY LINE 39, CRYSTAL SPRINGS 364, GALLMAN 26, GALILEE 32, Gatesville 7, GEORGETOWN 41, HARMONY 50, HAZLEHURST 113, HOPEWELL 36, NEW PROVIDENCE 23, NEW ZION 57, PINE BLUFF 33, Mission Hill 1, PILGRIM'S REST 22, PLEASANT HILL 34, POPLAR SPRINGS 16, ROCKPORT 3, SARDIS 33, SHADY GROVE 48, SPRING HILL 63, STRONG HOPE 51, WESSON 80, SMYRNA 23, DAMASCUS 16, ANTIOCH 17, SYLVARENA 45, PEARL VALLEY 31.

BASSFIELD SENDS RECORD TO COLORED CHURCH

The Bassfield Church, Rev. Joe Hudson, pastor, wrote recently as follows: "We decided that sending the Baptist Record to every family in the Colored Baptist Church would be useful and helpful to them in their work . . . If the Record does our own people so much good, then surely it might help our colored brethren some."

With the letter came a list of 46 names and addresses to whom the Baptist Record will be sent for a year.

This fine gesture on the part of the Bassfield Church toward a sister church will not only help to inform the families of the colored church, but we are sure will promulgate a feeling of Christian fellowship between the two Bassfield churches.

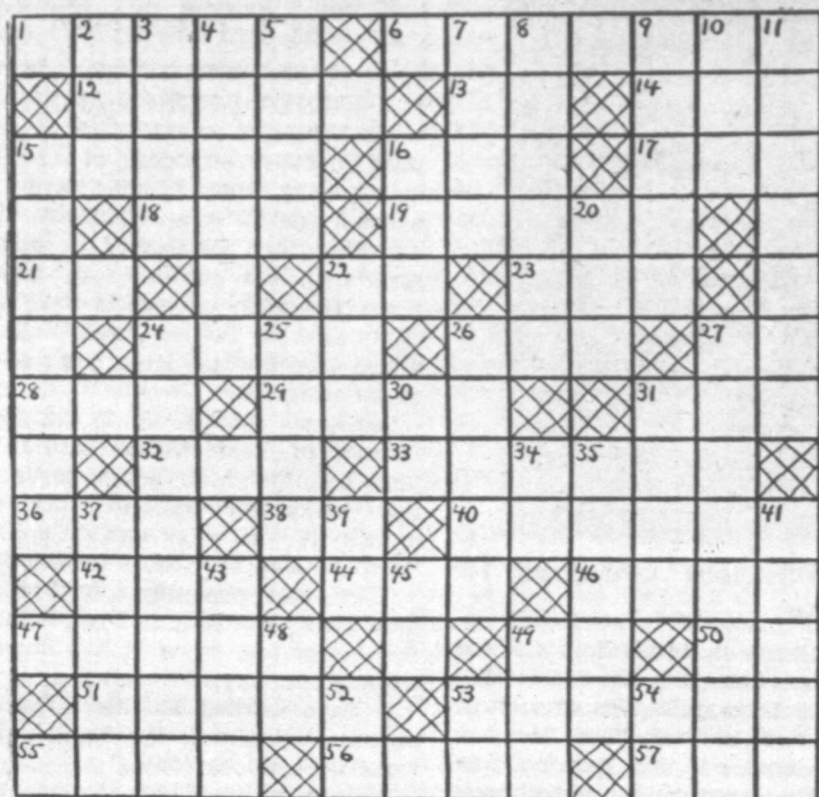
Baptist Record churches in Jeff Davis Association are now listed as follows: ANTIOCH 37, BASSFIELD 41, BETHANY 32, Carson 19, HATHORN 43, HEPZIBAH 48, OLD HEBRON 46, OAK GROVE 24, PHALTI 52, PRENTISS FIRST 171, SOCIETY HILL 52, VICTORY 23, WHITESAND 57, EBE-NEZER 25.

—BR—

Americans "wasted enough money for alcoholic beverages" in the calendar year, 1946, just ended, "to finance the building of approximately 1,000,000 critically needed homes," Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, said in a statement released recently.

If God has called you to be a missionary, I'd hate to see you shrivel down to be a king!—C. H. SPURGEON

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer"—Philemon 1.

ACROSS

- 1 "highest . . . in the synagogues"
 - 6 Ruler; hot carp (anag.)
 - 12 "The . . . of our Lord"
 - 13 "And . . . our beloved Apphia"
 - 14 "Grace be with . . . all"
 - 15 A star
 - 16 Drunkard
 - 17 Put on
 - 18 "Hearing of thy love . . . faith"
 - 19 "Follow . . . with all men"
 - 21 "Is set . . . liberty"
 - 22 Always
 - 23 Rocky Pinnacle
 - 24 "keep yourselves . . . idols"
 - 26 "I thank my . . ."
 - 27 Iron
 - 28 "bore his ear through with an . . ."
 - 29 Paul was in a . . . when he wrote this
 - 31 Seed vessel
 - 32 "and Archippus . . . fellow soldier"
 - 33 Paul considered himself this of his "son Onesimus"
 - 36 Arabic word for 33 across
 - 38 Printer's measure
 - 40 "your . . . conversation"
 - 42 ". . . toward all saints"
 - 44 "and to . . . church in thy house"
 - 46 "let me have joy of thee in the . . ."
 - 47 "from . . . even unto Ethiopia"
 - 49 "For . . . have great joy and consolation in thy love"
 - 50 East Indies
 - 51 "Looking unto . . . the author and finisher of our faith"
 - 53 "be much bold in . . ."
 - 55 "in every good word and . . ."
 - 56 Medley
 - 57 "th's dumb . . . speaking with man's voice"
- Our Text from Philemon is 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 24, 26, 32, 33, 42, 44, 46, 51, and 53 combined

DOWN

- 2 "Or if he shall ask an . . ."
- 3 Extent
- 4 Paul "tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a . . ."
- 5 Fish
- 7 Siouan Indian
- 8 Vegetable
- 9 Old coin of Zealand
- 10 Dove note
- 11 "When saw we thee an . . ."
- 15 Southern state
- 16 "who came in privily to . . . out our liberty"
- 20 Fish
- 22 Vessel used by early Christians
- 24 Fish
- 25 Monster
- 26 Iced
- 27 "The Lord is my rock, and my . . ."

- 30 "making mention . . . thee always in my prayers"
- 31 Mexican dollar
- 34 Half of Both
- 35 Souther
- 37 Musical instrument
- 39 Sion was one
- 41 Revises
- 43 Flat circular plate
- 45 "If . . . hath wronged thee"
- 48 Gold; the heart of Paul
- 49 ". . . for the joy that was set before him"
- 52 "which doth . . . easily beset us"
- 53 "I will sing of mercy and judgment" begins this Psalm
- 54 Half of Asia; state

—BR—

A Reader Writes

We wish to commend your article in the issue of January 16, and will appreciate your publication of this communication with the hope of helping those churches which may be allowing the so called "Board of Deacons" to transact all the business.

In this connection we quote the following from an article written by Dr. John Jeter Hurt in the issue of the Western Recorder (the Kentucky Baptist State paper) of February 11, 1946: "Pastors must put church burdens upon average men. 'Under a burden I grow' is an old Latin translation. Church business meetings should be wide open to the average member. There is no place in a Baptist church for ruling elders or ruling deacons either. Baptist deacons have no authority whatsoever save that which Baptist democracy gives them temporarily for special purposes."

Yours very truly,
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The Program of Jesus and the Baptist Orphanage

"The following article is written upon request of Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board:

The Program of Jesus is an all inclusive one. We know the Ministry of Jesus was preaching, healing, and teaching. The Orphanage in it's service to boys and girls is trying to fulfill this mission of our Savior.

We know that Jesus further declared His Mission in Luke 19:10, when He said, 'For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.' The teaching of His work, giving the story of Jesus to boys and girls, teaching them the principles laid down by Him who said, 'Suffer the little children to come unto me,' seeing them accept Christ, and baptized in obedience to His command are just another phase of MISSIONS. These children would likely not be reached. They and their parents were rarely found at church service. Children of poverty, neglect, and indifference do not frequent your Sunday Schools and Churches. We have very few applicants who were active before coming to make their home in the Orphanage. The Orphanage maintains it's own Sunday School, B.T.U., and Young People's Auxiliaries on the campus, and the children attend and hold membership in Davis Memorial Baptist Church. Mid-week Prayer Service is conducted weekly each Wednesday evening in the J. E. Byrd Memorial Chapel. Where God is worshipped and the teachings of Jesus emulated, love abounds and an interest is shown in each member of the family whether large or small.

Jesus is always NEAR, NEAR as the NEAREST HUMAN NEED that you can supply. For 'Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me.' May we personally find JESUS as we tenderly heed the many needs about us, for as we act toward others, we act toward JESUS HIMSELF. LOVE is ETERNAL, and will always motivate the heart of CHRISTIANS! BECAUSE CHRIST is EVER-PRESENT and NEVER-FAILING, so CHRISTIANS must be alert and under-gird this great LOVE-TASK. 'For God So Loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life.' After we have led the boys and girls through faith to an acceptance of His great Love, may we further teach them to grow in His Knowledge and Grace as they continue to develop into grown-up men and women.

—W. G. MIZE, Superintendent.

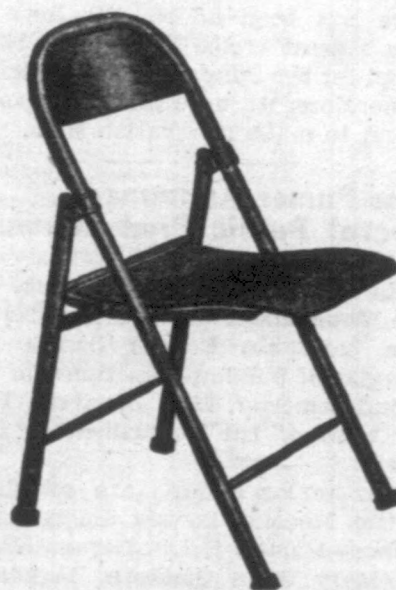
Support the Baptist Orphanage through the Co-operative Program. It receives this year 2% of the Co-operative Program funds.

Beautifully illustrated is the new book by Orabelle C. Jones on "The Nursery Department of the Sunday School". Beginning with a chapter on Nursery Child Relationships the author takes the reader through periods of growth of the nursery child and shows ways of meeting the needs of the different age children, and also how to extend the ministry of the Nursery Department between Sundays and on special days. Published

by the Broadman Press, you may order from the Baptist Book Store, cloth binding .60 and paper .40.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., —(RNS)— The Arkansas Senate has passed and sent to the Governor a House bill authorizing the state revenue commissioner to issue to churches free of charge motor vehicle license plates for use on motor buses used exclusively for carrying people to and from church services and other church functions.

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Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. Prepared by Bracey Campbell. Lesson for February twenty-third:

THE GOOD SHEPHERD. John 10:

1. The Leader of the Sheep. John 10:1-6. Read these verses, please!

The relation of the shepherd to his sheep is used often in the Bible to illustrate the relationship between God and His people. Here our Lord, then, makes use of a figure old as the record of God's dealings with His people. Our Lord is the good shepherd! He comes in through the door into the sheepfold. What door? What is the meaning of this figure? or has it one? If you will search afar, perhaps you would love to find in it a reference to the prophecies concerning the coming shepherd and show how these formed a sort of door which was exactly fit for the reception of our Lord, and of no one else. He answers exactly the description in the Old Testament of the coming Shepherd of the sheep of God. "He that entereth in by the door is the shepherd," he that answereth to the demands of the prophetic description of the Coming One is the shepherd of the sheep.

"To Him the porter openeth," Who is the porter? There has been endless speculation as to his identity. Some of the great ones have suggested that it might be best to think if the Holy Spirit as the porter who opens the door for men to come to our Christ, and who also opens opportunities for Christians to bring others to Him. I have thought He might have meant John the Baptist, as it was John who pointed Jesus out as the Coming One, and flung wide the gate of God's sheepfold to Him, and gave all of the Lord's sheep of that day a chance to hear His voice and follow Him.

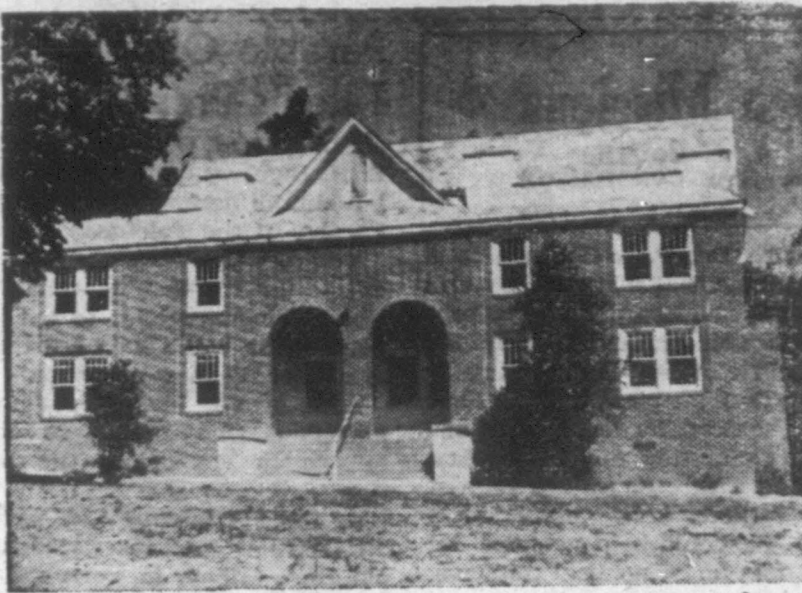
The Lord knows them that are His, and He calls them by name, knowing each of them all. Believe this my brother. Your Lord knows you, knows your name, not only, but your nature, your need and all that is necessary to make your life worth while to Him. "When He hath put forth all His

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Wednesday Afternoon Session Of Evangelistic Conference Will Be Held At Providence Church

Pastor W. R. Sortie and the members of Providence Church, Forrest County, Lebanon Association, extend a warm welcome to the preachers, their wives and the visiting helpers, who will be attending the Evangelistic Conference in Hattiesburg, February 25-28, and an invitation to lunch on Wednesday, February 26, at noon.

A bus load of ministerial students from both Mississippi College and Clarke College have also been invited for the lunch hour. Committees on the lunch, parking etc., from Providence Church, have been working out the details to take care of those coming for the noon hour and for the afternoon session of the Conference which will be held in Providence Church.

Those participating in the afternoon program will be Rev. H. H. Aultman, directing the music, and the Reverends Frank M. Purser, Joe T. Ode and Riley Munday.

own." It is even necessary for Him to do that, sometimes. There are sheep that would loiter in the fold, lazily lie in the shade inside the sheepfold, but He puts them forth. The word John employs here to tell what the master said, means that He may and does use gentle or less gentle constraint when that is necessary to induce His sheep along the paths of His choosing. Many a time our Lord would have us go where we do not wish, for some reason of our own, to go. And sometimes we go whether we will or no, because the Master sees best the way and puts us into it.

II. The Feeder of the Sheep. Read the passage.

What is the purpose of His leading them out? "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." The very purpose of His leading them out is that thereby He may feed them. His leadership of His people is always to the end that they may find the true food for the hungry heart. "He that cometh to Me shall never hunger," finds its realization in this leadership of the Lord.

III. The Defender of the Sheep. John 10:7-10.

When His sheep lie safe-folded, He gives them the protection of His constant watchcare. They are safe-folded when they have believed on Him. He says that to such as have done this. He gives eternal life, and that they shall never perish or be snatched from under His protection by any spoiler. "Do you believe a child of God can apostatize, can fall from grace, and be lost?" Well, what did He say on that subject? "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand." Did He really say that? Yes, right here in John 10:27, 28. That's

all I want to know! I take His word for anything.

IV. The Lover of the Sheep. John 10:11-18. But go back and read the hole passage.

It will do you good like a medicine, and you will find the thoughts I have outlined in the headings running all through.

"The good shepherd layeth down His life for the sheep." Why? Can be only one reason. People make sacrifices for those they love. The shepherd defends the sheep because he loves them. Ever it has been thus, so that shepherds have stood between their sheep and death in many forms. The same strong cords of love lead the shepherd in all his provision for the sheep. Thieves and spoilers come to make spoil of the sheep, but the shepherd comes to provide them the things they need in order to an abundant life. Here are poor, silly sheep filling themselves with that which does not nourish them, and living in consequence a meager life, a scanty existence. Comes a good shepherd into possession of the sheep, and he leads them to better pastures where the lush grass is of finer quality, containing the food values the need of the sheep demands. All the world over there are multitudes of people alive in a sorry sort of way, because they have fallen victim to the bondage imposed by a false shepherd. The Good Shepherd has one keen and mastering desire for them, and that because He loves them. He wants them for Himself that He may lead them into better paths, provide them with better food, and so bring it about that they have a more abundant life, because they follow Him. The pastures into which He leads will not, perhaps, look at first as inviting to certain of the sheep as those they left, but in the end they will prove much more healthful in what they provide.

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Because of increased inflation and continued conflict between the Nationalists and Communists it is difficult to forecast developments in China. In spite of these difficulties, Chinese pastors and teachers, reinforced by Christian missionaries, are reaping rich spiritual harvests in evangelistic meetings, particularly among students in high schools and colleges. Our Southern Baptist missionary force, either in China or en route, now numbers 112.

While many Chinese who fled west when the Japanese occupied eastern provinces in China are returning to their homes, there is a large and significant movement from the coast areas to West China. The economic value of West China was one of the discoveries of the recent war. This constitutes an unusual missionary opportunity.

One of the questions frequently asked is, "When will our missionaries be able to get back into Japan?" When transportation and housing facilities are more adequate and the problems coincident with military occupation clear up we may expect permits for additional missionaries. General MacArthur's recent message to President Newton of the Southern Baptist Convention reveals a sympathetic attitude. We have one missionary in Japan, Edwin Dozier, and two other missionaries have applied for passports. Quite significant was the decision of Lutherans a few days ago to withdraw from the Kyodan or United Church of Japan, a policy already adopted by some of the evangelical denominations, and maintain its own distinctive missionary work.

The appropriations of the Foreign Mission Board for current missionary work in 1947 amount to \$2,276,000, which is an increase of approximately \$600,000 over 1946. Such a large increase was caused by the inflationary costs in most areas of the Board's work. It was made possible only by the fact that the Southern Baptist Convention adopted a budget of \$5,000,000 for operating expenses of all southwide agencies in 1947. The Foreign Mission Board will receive 46 per cent of this, which amounts to \$2,300,000. It is not probable that this increase can be maintained in 1948. The southwide budget for next year may be reduced to \$4,000,000, in which case the Foreign Mission Board's share will be \$1,840,000. Although we may receive some additional income from capital funds, the Board must base its appropriations for current operations largely on the southwide budget for operating funds. This is a note of caution to all mission of our Board to project their 1947 expenditures with the probability in mind that reductions must be made in the 1948 budgets.—M. T. Rankin.

In addition to his duties as superintendent of the Baptist Hospital in Chengchow, Dr. S. E. Ayers, on his return to China, will serve as medical

advisor with Dr. B. J. Cauthen in a program of medical missions. By this arrangement the Board hopes to provide a channel through which the medical staffs of Baptist hospitals in China can do joint planning. We have long felt the need for more coordination in the planning for our medical undertaking. All Southern Baptist medical workers, both missionaries and Chinese, should help to shape the over-all program of medical missions. Joint planning is needed in relation to the locations for medical work, the types and cost of buildings to be erected, new kinds of service to be undertaken, personnel needs, procurement of supplies, and many other matters. Dr. Ayers will serve with Dr. Cauthen and the medical staffs of all the hospitals to make this kind of coordination possible.—M. Theon Rankin.

Budget receipts of \$301,057 for January, 1947, exclusive of Lottie Moon Funds, set a new record for any given month. Of this amount \$231,056 represented Cooperative Program receipts, which is likewise an all-time high for any one month. Receipts in the Richmond office from the 1946 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering have already reached \$1,000,000 (plus).

Dr. George W. Sadler reported to the Board in monthly session February 13 that missionaries are to leave immediately for Spain and next month for Italy, two mission fields evacuated by Southern Baptists. He also reported that three Baptist seminaries in the Balkan area are to resume their work this year: Budapest, Arad, and Zagreb.

The March issue of THE COMMISSION carries the semi-annual directory of the Southern Baptist Convention's foreign mission personnel, with addresses which were accurate as of January 30. This list includes a total of 570 foreign missionaries and 97 missionaries emeritus.

DEPARTURES: Miss Neale Young, February 4, for Lagos; Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Ayers, Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, Jr., Mrs. Wilson Fielder, Elizabeth Gray, Mrs. P. W. Hamlett, Harriette King, Katie Murray, Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Sears, G. W. Strother, and Josephine Ward—all for China, February 14; also, Helen McCullough, January 31, for China; Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Neely, January 16, for Colombia; Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Woods and Ruby Howse, January 17, for Chile.

Bereavements: Mrs. L. M. Reno of Brazil, who retired in 1938, died January 6 at Warren, Pennsylvania.—Missionary Agnes Graham of Chile died at Concepcion January 15.—Missionary Ruth Walden of Nigeria lost her father at Norfolk, Virginia, January 7.—Missionary Fannie George Hurtt of Nigeria, now en route home on sick leave, lost her father January 7.—Missionary John D. Hughey, Jr., soon to go to Spain, lost his father January 17.—Missionary Marion F. Moorhead, appointee for Japan, lost his mother February 1.

The Baptist missionaries who were victims of the Chinese airliner crash near Hankow January 28 were recent

Parable Of The Talents Presented

BLUFFTON, O., (RNS)—The Rev. E. N. Bigelow, of the First Presbyterian church here, was preaching on the Parable of the Talents.

The stewards were each given a talent to use for their master. The first steward increased his to ten, another doubled his, while one buried his money and could show no profit.

At this point, Mr. Bigelow nodded to his ushers, who began to distribute \$10 bills to the 84 people in the congregation.

As the \$10 talents were passed out, Mr. Bigelow told his parishioners to put their talents to work and to return in five months with the increase.

The pastor said he hoped to raise \$8,000 in this manner for renovation of the church.

Since none of the 84 worshippers refused the \$10, Mr. Bigelow hopes that nobody will follow the example of the unprofitable steward.

Trustees of the New Orleans Seminary have purchased a 75-acre tract of land on Gentilly street, New Orleans, the price being \$250,000. Ultimately new buildings will be erected on this location and the seminary will be moved from its present site on Washington street to the new location. The new site is in one of the choicest sections of the city. On this acreage is the highest spot in New Orleans.

A Kansas paper says a young man wore his cap and gown to the post office the other day to get his correspondence school diploma.

appointees of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and fellow passengers on the *Marine Lynx* with Southern Baptist missionaries who sailed December 15 from San Francisco. The Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Vick and the three-year-old son were killed; Paul, the eighteen-months-old child, survived the wreck.

On recommendation of the Visual Aids Committee, Missionary Education Council of Southern Baptist Agencies, a Christian service flag has been produced to replace the military service flag in the church, and is now available from the Baptist book stores. This flag is a banner with a royal blue border on a white field, dominated by a large red cross. For each missionary inducted into lifetime service by the Home Mission Board or the Foreign Mission Board, a church is entitled to place a small cross on the flag—a gold one in the upper white fields for each missionary who died in service, a red one in the lower fields for each missionary still in service. The flag is a constant call to prayer for all Christian missionaries and for the enlistment of new missionaries. It is being promoted as a recruiting agent and a reminder to pray for the members of the church called forth to mission service. The flag is for sale at \$3.75 in size 18x24 inches. Larger flags for church auditoriums may be made to order.

The Missionary Map of the World, a standard teaching aid for all missionary education in Southern Baptist churches, has been revised this year. It is still available at \$3.75 for the cloth map mounted; \$3.25 for cloth unmounted; and \$2.75 for paper unmounted. To get the most recent map, specify the January, 1947, revision when ordering from the Baptist book stores.

Mississippi Calendar Of Prayer

February 24—Pray for Evangelistic Conference which meets in Hattiesburg, February 25-28; Miss Carolyn Madison, Field Worker, Sunday School Department.

February 25—T. T. Gooch, Yalobusha County Convention Board Member; Rev. J. R. Davis, B.T.U. President, District 5.

February 26—Miss Jennie Stevens, Trustee, Blue Mountain College; Miss Clarice Killough, Clerk, mailing department, Baptist Record.

February 27—Miss Gloria Harris, Secretary, Baptist Orphanage; Herman Dean, member Brotherhood Committee, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

February 28—Rush Knox, Trustee, Baptist Hospital; Dr. Martin V. McKinster, Dean, Clarke Memorial College.

March 1—Pray for Home Mission Week of Prayer, March 3-7.

March 2—Paul D. Boothe, Union Association Convention Board Member; Mrs. Lewis H. Yarbrough, B.T.U. Director, Hinds-Warren Association.

BEACON LIGHTS OF GRACE by Richard Ellsworth Day (\$2.50) is well worth the price asked. In this volume America's foremost Christian biographer, portrays a series of 12 characters, some widely-known, others little known. Through the pages of this book march twelve men who have, as Author Day expressed it, "two strikes on them at the start," but who became, in the providence of God and by His grace, towers of strength and influence. Their lives will serve as an inspiration to countless others in similar circumstances. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book store or to the publishers, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 255 Jefferson Avenue, S. E., Grand Rapids 3, Michigan.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

By Rev. R. A. Eddleman,
Clinton, Mississippi

The Church at Sumner has called Rev. J. A. Barnhill of Rolling Fork. Evangelist E. D. Solomon with Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong will begin a meeting with pastor Borum at Natchez Jan. 25.

Rev. J. W. Mayfield of Opelika, Alabama, accepts the call to the First Church, McComb and begins work Feb. 1. We welcome him back to Mississippi.

Rev. O. P. Estes has accepted the work at Picayune and will be on the field the last of February. The church there seems to be in good condition. They had over 200 in Sunday School last Sunday, received two by letter, one for baptism.

The First Church Bulletin, of Tupelo. Vol. No I is a wide awake church paper. Pastor Dickinson speaks a good word for the denominational paper.

Rev. A. L. O'Brian writes that the pastors in and near Hattiesburg at a recent conference planned to have a Bible School for pastors and others interested in the Fifth District beginning March 6 and running for a week.

Pastor Harvey Gray, of Ripley, sends a copy of the program for the Winter Bible School for Tippah County Association at Ripley, Jan. 27-29.

The Church at Russell, Miss., has called Rev. A. Miller.

The Montrose church has called Bro. Meadows of Newton as pastor, and he has already accepted and is at work on the field.

Rev. E. A. Phillips of Newton has been called as pastor of the 8th Ave. Church, Meridian, and has accepted.